



Darousha: I don't regret what I did

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"I don't regret what I did... I took the first step in the right direction - towards an Israeli-Palestinian peace," Labour Party Knesset Member Abdel Wahab Darousha said yesterday on his return to Israel from his aborted mission to the Palestinian National Council in Amman. The affair caused a public storm over the past two days and threw the political system into turmoil.

"I only regret not being able to speak before the PNC," said Darousha, who had failed to obtain a Jordanian visa in time. He was greeted at Ben-Gurion Airport by Mapam MK Mohammed Rattad and Labour Party minorities apartment head Ra'anan Cohen. A large number of police and Border Police forces, jeeps and commandos safeguarded the entrance to the airport terminal, where Darousha gave an impromptu press conference. Relatives and friends first into applause as he left the terminal, then hugged and kissed him.

Darousha said he knew his trip used a public storm in Israel and that he assumes full responsibility for his actions. "I tried to contribute as a loyal citizen of Israel, as a proud son of the Palestinian people, as a Knesset member and as a public emissary. I acted on the ideals I believe in. My conscience is clear," he said. Darousha decided to address the PNC about a week ago, when he saw at no motion was made for a resolute discussion of "a great event opening only a few kilometres from Israel, despite the developments in the PLO." This development required a turning point on his part and Darousha decided

to make it, without consulting with anyone from the party or government, he said.

"The Palestinians' agreement to let me speak in the PNC indicates a great deal," Darousha said. "They knew I am a Knesset Member and a Labour Party member. I informed them that I would state my credo and they gave me their blessing. The PLO chairman and other PNC members agreed on this," he said.

Darousha said he did not realize his plan because of the delay in obtaining a visa. When the entrance permit had not arrived by Wednesday and the PNC neared its closure, he decided to stop waiting and return to Israel, as Labour faction chairman Rafi Edri urged him to do.

Darousha said he did not believe that the publicity given his journey had sabotaged his mission, noting that he planned press coverage to break Tuesday night, when he was already on his way to Jordan. He stressed that he was not refused a visa, merely that one had not arrived by the time he had decided to return to Israel.

Darousha said he had taken a big risk by going to address the PNC and did not consult with party colleagues so as not to involve them in the responsibility.

He said that while he understands the strong reactions in the Labour Party, he also expects support and understanding from the party and Prime Minister Shimon Peres. "After all, I did not go on personal business. I dedicated my own time and money for something which would have been to the benefit of the party and the entire country," he said.

He said he intends to stay a member of the Labour Party and will fight for this, if necessary.



MK Abdel Wahab Darousha meets the press soon after his return to Israel yesterday. (Andre Bruttman)

Amman meeting closes with victory for Arafat

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and agencies

The 17th Palestine National Council closed in Amman last night on a note of personal victory for PLO leader Yasser Arafat. He was re-elected as chairman of the organization by a gathering he had called together over the violent objections of Syria and his Damascus-based opponents.

But having settled decisively that it is Arafat and not Syrian President Hafez Assad who controls the PLO, the PNC went out of its way to leave the door open to rapprochement between Arafat and the key radical leaders who boycotted the meeting.

Accordingly, three seats were left open on the newly elected PLO executive committee for representatives of the radical groups. It was not specified who the seats were being reserved for, but Palestinian sources in Amman were quoted last night as saying they were being held for representatives of George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Nayef Hawatmeh's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and the Syrian-controlled Sa'ika organization.

From the moment the conference opened last Thursday, Arafat made

it plain that he was interested in mending fences with Habash and Hawatmeh, first and foremost to keep them from joining an alternative PLO Syria might have considered setting up to challenge his legitimacy.

And it was almost certainly this same consideration that led the PNC to refrain from taking any far-reaching political decisions that would alienate them, stressing, instead, the PLO's continued commitment to "armed struggle."

The political programme approved yesterday stressed what it called "the right of escalating the armed struggle against the (Israeli) occupation and the right of Palestinian forces to launch their struggle against all Arab fronts into Israel."

As for future political moves, the programme empowered the new executive committee to seek a common strategy with Jordan in the quest for a negotiated solution to the Middle East conflict through a UN-sponsored international conference.

The idea of such a conference, brought up before the council last week both by King Hussein and the PLO's top foreign policy spokesman, Farouk Kaddoumi, is acceptable to both Habash and

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Final bid by cabinet to cut budget

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The cabinet is due to meet today for what is supposed to be a final discussion on an additional cut in the government budget. The Finance Ministry said yesterday that representatives of the other ministries had agreed to cuts of \$400 million out of the \$541m. in cuts that the Treasury is seeking in the civilian and military budgets.

Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi and Ministers without Portfolio Moshe Arens and Ezer Weizman met yesterday with representatives of various ministries to try to reach agreement on cuts in the civilian budget. The committee of four ministers is responsible for mediating between the Treasury and the civilian ministries on cuts in their budgets.

Treasury sources said that even if the cut which the cabinet finally approves is less than \$541m., it could still be acceptable to the Treasury if the ministries actually carry out the cuts.

By last night, the four-minister committee had received commitments for cuts totalling some \$300 million, out of the \$391 million the Treasury wants to cut from the civilian budget. Agreement has not been reached on cuts in the Education, Labour, Health, Communication and Housing Ministries, nor in the budget for settlement.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Vice-Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir joined the four ministers yesterday morning and evening to discuss cuts in the defence budget. So far there is agreement on \$100 million out of the \$150 million cut being sought.

Defence and Treasury officials seemed to be further away than ever from agreement on the remaining \$50m.

It was discovered during yesterday morning's meeting that the two sides could not even agree as to what the basic defence budget was: The defence ministry claimed it was \$2,925 billion, while the treasury claimed it was only \$2.6b.

Despite the lack of progress, both sides said that they hoped that at least an interim solution could be found this morning.

The Treasury is demanding that

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Herut threat to quit gov't over Shas posts

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The national unity government may fall today if Herut makes good its threat to withdraw from the government unless Prime Minister Shimon Peres gives Shas either the Religious Affairs Ministry or the Interior Ministry.

Herut's secretariat yesterday authorized the party's ministers to demand at today's cabinet meeting a final and clear decision on the division of the two portfolios between Shas and the National Religious Party. The secretariat called on the Likud, which comprises mainly Herut and the Liberals, to withdraw from the coalition immediately "if the explicit promise to Shas, made in the coalition agreement, is not honoured."

The secretariat decision was unanimous. It was learned as members believe the issue has made a mockery of the Likud. "The Likud's credibility is at stake," Transport Minister Haim Corfu said, adding that "Shas was promised it would have one of those portfolios within a month of the government's formation."

Shas and the NRP each has four Knesset seats and one cabinet minister, at present without portfolio.

Labour Minister Moshe Shahal and party secretary-general Uzi Baran yesterday met the NRP's Rafael Ben-Natun and Yehuda Ben-Meir in a last-ditch attempt to solve the dispute. The NRP, which has been adamant in its demand for both portfolios, finally indicated yesterday that it might agree to a compromise. The NRP was promised both portfolios by Labour in its coalition negotiations.

Shahal drew up a draft agreement whereby the NRP would get the Religious Affairs Ministry, whose responsibilities would expand to include all of the country's religious institutions and the transfer of funds to them. The jurisdiction over religious institutions and their financing is currently part of the Interior Ministry, and moving these departments to the Religious Affairs Ministry would void the Interior of most of its power.

Shas would then receive the Interior Ministry in its dwindled form.

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Peres initiative seen in Taba border dispute

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Shimon Peres intends to submit new proposals on the Taba dispute to the inner cabinet - but only if he feels confident Egypt would be interested in considering them.

Well-placed sources told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the premier hoped to put Taba on the inner cabinet's agenda soon after he returns from France next week.

The sources said Peres had good reasons to be hopeful that Egypt is ready to discuss his ideas both in an Israeli-Egyptian joint venture for the disputed border area and for working on the legal process of negotiation prescribed in the peace treaty to resolve the permanent status of Taba.

Peres and his advisors (including these matters, Minister without Portfolio Ezer Weizman), are understood to have evolved proposals for a joint project based on the Tel Aviv complex at Taba and possibly involving Saudi finance.

Peres sees this as an ice-breaking move that could lead to a full thaw in an Israel-Egypt "cold peace."

The joint venture would be conceived regardless of the eventual outcome of the legal process regarding sovereignty over Taba. The well-placed sources said the emir had been encouraged by recent messages conveyed to him by President Hosni Mubarak by emotional figures, among them U.S. Middle East envoy

Sol Linowitz. The sources denied the reports in some local media that Israel's overture regarding Taba had been rebuffed by Cairo. If anything, they said, the reverse was the case.

But they added that the premier would not submit the issue to the inner cabinet unless he was even more confident of a favourable response to a formal Israeli initiative. "Otherwise it will not be worth quarrelling with the Likud," the sources said.

They added that firm indications from Cairo of a positive attitude would themselves contribute to Peres' proposals being widely supported within the cabinet, even among Likud ministers.

This internal political consideration - "What will the Likud say?" - is much in evidence in policy-making circles around the premier. There is a growing resentment of what is seen as the Likud ministers' - and especially Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir's - wet blanket attitude to possible new peace initiatives and other attempts at diplomatic advances.

The divergence surfaced starkly yesterday with Peres telling the newspaper editors (see adjacent story) that Israel has "no need to fear peace," and Shamir telling three eminent American statesmen that now is not the time for any peace initiative.

In a conversation with Linowitz, former defence secretary James

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Ethiopian Jews among the starving

FAD (Itim). - A social worker in this town who visited Ethiopia yesterday that the Jews there are starving, but that they are suffering less from the famine than other groups. David Breen accompanied a group of Jews from Montreal to Ethiopia last week. He was invited to see his close ties with the Ethiopian Jewish community in Addis.

The delegation, which included doctors specializing in various fields, went to investigate the situation of Jews in Ethiopia. It visited mainly in the Gondar region, where most of the country's estimated 10,000 to 15,000 Jews live.

Only a small number are living in the refugee camps for the victims of the famine.

Many of the Jewish families have between eight and 10 members,

Breen said. He also said that a Jewish soldier had reportedly died in fighting along the Ethiopian border.

The delegation brought food, medicines and vitamins. It also brought thousands of candies to distribute among children.

The Ethiopian government, said Breen, treated the delegation wonderfully, putting an airplane at its disposal and a guide.

Incidents mar anniversary of UN vote

Jerusalem Post Reporter

November 29, the anniversary of the 1947 UN General Assembly decision to partition Palestine and traditionally a day of heightened unrest in the administered territories, was marked yesterday by a number of incidents.

Two petrol bombs were thrown at an Israeli bus passing the Kalandiya refugee camp north of Jerusalem. No injuries were reported in this or any of the other incidents.

In the al-Amari refugee camp on the Jerusalem-Ramallah road, security forces had to use teargas to control a stone-throwing and tire-

stations in Bethlehem and in the village of Dura near Hebron. At Dehaishe, just outside Bethlehem, stones were thrown at an IDF observation post.

An Israeli minibus was stoned in Nablus, where demonstrators also flew Palestinian flags.

Several arrests were made during the day, and security forces were searching the Kalandiya area last night for those responsible for the petrol bomb attack on the Israeli bus.

In most parts of the territories, life proceeded normally, but all secondary and elementary schools in East

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THE WEATHER

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Outlook for Saturday: Clear.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	70	11-16	16
Golan	32	10-16	16
Nahariya	37	10-14	15
Safed	66	10-14	15
Haifa Port	37	10-14	15
Tiberias	40	12-24	24
Nazareth	—	12-18	20
Afula	56	11-21	22
Shomron	62	11-17	18
Tel Aviv	63	14-21	22
B-G Airport	59	12-22	24
Jericho	51	11-26	26
Gaza	37	14-23	23
Beerseba	48	9-22	24
Eilat	39	13-25	26

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Oscar Hammi, Minister for Linzon with the Parliament in the Italian Government, yesterday visited the Weizmann Institute of Science where he was received by Prof. David Trevis.

In Memoriam

The Jerusalem Journalists Association held a memorial meeting in Beit Agon last night to mark the 30th day after the death of *Ma'ariv* parliamentary correspondent Yosef Waksman.

DEPARTURES

Norma Nation, director of Bridges for Peace, to U.S.

MDA to health minister: 'Can't pay wages Sunday'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Magen David Adom yesterday notified Health Minister Mordechai Gur that it would be unable to meet its payroll on Sunday.

The MDA spokesman said the government owes the organization \$230 million.

The Health Ministry spokesman said that \$30 m. which is owed to MDA for services to government hospitals will be transferred on Sunday. The balance involves Treasury decisions and Health Ministry Director-General Dan Michaeli is negotiating with the Treasury over the sum, he said.

Leumi staff in struggle against Union Bank

Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The staff at Bank Leumi yesterday lent a hand to their colleagues at Union Bank in their dispute with Union's management.

Yesterday morning the Bank Leumi staff refused to provide key computer services to Union, which is a subsidiary of Leumi and uses Leumi's computer network.

Union's management, which claims to be completely independent, despite Union's links to Leumi, is filing charges against the head of the Union staff committee personally for damages resulting from an unauthorized strike about wages at Union earlier this month.

This is believed to be an unprecedented move in the history of labour relations in the banks.

PHOTOGRAPHS. — The pictures of Haim Kayman and Haya Zil, which appear on page M of today's *Jerusalem Post Magazine*, were taken by Andre Bruttman.

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HOME NEWS

Israel still hoping for Nakoura breakthrough

Jerusalem Post Staff
NAKOURA. — Israel and Lebanon blamed each other yesterday for the slow pace of talks aimed at ending Israel's 29-month occupation of South Lebanon. But Tat-Aluf Amos Gilboa, the chief Israeli negotiator, said he hoped an understanding could be reached next week on the deployment of Unifil (the UN Truce Force in Lebanon). The seventh negotiating session is scheduled for Monday.

Lebanon wants its army to patrol all of southern Lebanon, a plan Israel opposes because of the army's history of splintering into religious and political factions at times of crisis.

"I have repeatedly told them (the Lebanese) that the Unifil deployment and its role is a matter concerning us," Gilboa said, adding that he sees no contradiction between this and Lebanon's claims that Unifil deployment is an internal Lebanese affair.

"Later on, as a sovereign state, they can come to the UN and submit this agreement," Gilboa said.

Asked if successful deployment to the Awali River will be seen as proof that the Lebanese Army is capable of patrolling the south, Gilboa said: "For me, it still would not be an indication of the capability of the Lebanese Army."

After Israel withdraws, it wants UN soldiers concentrated in the northern half of the zone it now occupies. Lebanon has agreed only to UN troops guarding Palestinian refugee camps in Sidon and Tyre.

Lebanon wants its own Lebanese Army to be the primary force throughout the south following an Israeli pullout.

"We cannot accept the UN as a

substitute for the Lebanese Army," said Lt. Col. Bassam Saad, spokesman for the Lebanese delegation.

The Israeli delegation's spokesman Sgan-Aluf Yona Gazit issued a statement saying his delegation "welcomes" Lebanon's readiness to allow Unifil to deploy in Sidon and Tyre.

The Israeli delegation stressed that Unifil must be deployed deep inside Lebanon to prevent the establishment of terrorist bases, headquarters, arms dumps and training camps. The Israelis recalled that the IDF, when it invaded Lebanon in June 1982, found arms dumps in the Sidon area.

The delegation argued also that by the terms of the Lebanese plan, Beaufort Castle, Nabatiya and other "terrorist nests" would be outside the security zone. This is unacceptable, it was stressed.

The Lebanese said "military measures" would be taken north of the Litani, but did not say what they had in mind, the Israeli spokesman said.

Gilboa hinted Israel might be forced to break off the talks eventually and make a unilateral withdrawal if no progress were made.

"It seems the Lebanese government is lagging behind while time is a very precious thing slowly running out," he said. "There is no threat of a breakdown yet either."

Lebanon warned Israel would have to alter its negotiating position or the talks would fold.

"The Israelis keep making more and more conditions for a withdrawal," said Lebanese Brig. Gen. Mohammed Hajj, speaking at a news conference outside the heavily guarded negotiating room.

University professor tells court: Sharon not very concerned with 'purity of arms' rule

"Ariel Sharon is not considered a person particularly faithful to the principle of the 'purity of arms,'" Prof. Dan Horowitz of the Hebrew University said yesterday. He was giving evidence in the Jerusalem District Court at the request of *Time* magazine in Sharon's libel suit against the weekly.

"He is considered one of the Israeli officer corps who take little interest in this principle," Horowitz said.

Horowitz was questioned by Robert Rifkind, who represents the magazine, "concerning the military operation in Kafr Katzia, 'near Ma'ale Hahamisha' in 1983. But a representative of the attorney general's office, Meir Goldman, objected to some of the questions on the ground that they concerned matters likely to affect national security.

Rifkind responded by asking how evidence concerning a military operation that took place 31 years ago could have such an effect.

The *Time* representative, Shmuel Bar-Ze'ev, asked that if Goldman

objected to specific questions, this fact be recorded in the protocol.

After a brief intermission in the proceedings during which the parties met in the judge's chambers, Judge Eli Cohen read his decision that the attorney-general decide by Sunday whether evidence on the operation might endanger national security. Horowitz would continue giving evidence at a later session, Judge Cohen said.

Horowitz told the court that Sharon's reputation as a military leader is a matter of dispute. But both his supporters and detractors will agree that he is a good tactician, full of initiative, but without moral restraints and undisciplined.

In reply to a written question from Judge Abraham Sofer, who is hearing the libel suit in New York, Horowitz said he had not seen Appendix B of the Kahan Commission report concerning Sharon's meeting with members of the Jemayel family and his meeting with Phalange leaders before the Sabra and Shatilla massacres. (Itim)

Manhattan DA says Sharon is honest

NEW YORK. — Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau, testifying yesterday as a character witness in Ariel Sharon's libel suit against *Time* magazine, said Sharon had a reputation for honesty and integrity.

Morgenthau said *Time*'s article on

Sharon's role in the Sabra and Shatilla massacre had damaged Sharon's reputation.

After Morgenthau's brief appearance on the witness stand, Sharon's attorney Milton Gould resumed his questioning of *Time*'s Jerusalem correspondent David Halevy.

Asked whether he believes today that Sharon encouraged a massacre, Halevy said: "I do not think Mr. Sharon encouraged. I think he neither encouraged nor instigated. I believe Sharon knew and turned his back."

A dispatch by Halevy formed the basis for a February 1983 cover story which Sharon says libelled him.

The rest of Halevy's testimony yesterday focused on the secret part of the Kahan Commission report known as Appendix B.

Halevy admitted he did not see the secret part of the report and his sources refused to provide him with much information. The information he did receive indicated to him the appendix was compiled from a list of names and codes.

HERUT THREAT

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But Shas has already rejected this proposal and its leader Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz has prepared a letter of resignation, which he intends to present to the government today if his demand is not met.

Peres said yesterday that he doubted a solution to the problem would be found today. "The government cannot act according to ultimatums. We need a little more time," he said.

Labour Party sources yesterday pooh-poohed the idea of the Likud's withdrawing from the coalition over the controversy.



Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir confers in Jerusalem yesterday with three former U.S. officials — (left to right) former under secretary of state Lawrence Eagleburger, former secretary of defence James Schlesinger, and Sol Linowitz, formerly president Jimmy Carter's representative to the Palestinian autonomy talks.

'Jewish Chronicle': Egypt says Mideast talks now possible

LONDON (Reuters). — Egypt is ready to take part in new Middle East peace talks with Jordan, the U.S., Israel and representatives of the Palestinians, according to the *Jewish Chronicle*.

Foreign editor Joseph Finklestone writes that Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali told him Egypt was ready to resume talks on condition there would be both Jordanian and Palestinian participation.

Israel so far refuses to sit at the same table with the PLO, but Finklestone quoted Ghali as saying: "There are new scenarios, and one of them is that the Jordanians or certain Palestinians on the West Bank and in Gaza would receive a mandate from the PLO to participate in the talks."

Ghali said he hoped the Amman

meeting of the Palestine National Council, which yesterday reconvened Yasser Arafat as PLO chairman, would force the hand of the PLO which was "a very important element in the peace process," closer to negotiations.

In a separate interview with Mubarak's chief foreign affairs aide, Osama el-Baz, Finklestone quoted him as saying the PLO might be prepared to accept Arab self-determination for the West Bank and Gaza.

Such an entity would be linked constitutionally with Jordan by a federation and would be close to both Egypt and Saudi Arabia. It would not be hostile to Israel. The question of whether the entity would have armed forces should be discussed between the parties concerned, el-Baz said.

Recriminations fly in Britain after Arafat cancels visit

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — The cancellation of Yasser Arafat's projected visit here has brought recriminations between the author of a biography of the PLO leader and the book's publisher.

Arafat's visit, planned to coincide with publication of the biography, was cancelled Wednesday night.

Last weekend it was made clear that the publishers, Sidgwick and Jackson, had withdrawn their invitation for Arafat to make his first visit to Britain.

Author Alan Hart then made an invitation of his own, but on Wednesday he said Arafat was not coming.

The British government had proposed that Arafat get a visa only if

through he did suggest that they had nothing to do with security.

It is understood that the government's conditions included requirements that Arafat would stay in one place only, that the venue would have to be "approved of" by the British authorities as being "secure" and that he would not make any inflammatory speeches or make contact with any leading government officials.

The author added that he believed Arafat was grossly offended by the publisher's withdrawal of the invitation. The publisher had "collapsed under political pressure," because certain parties did not want Arafat here, Hart said. When Sidgwick

Hussein going to Cairo

CAIRO (AP). — King Hussein will come to Egypt tomorrow for his first visit in eight years, it was officially announced yesterday in Amman.

First word of the visit came in an Egyptian presidential statement which set no date for it. But an official in Amman said the visit will start tomorrow.

The trip will bolster a diplomatic reconciliation Hussein initiated last September following a five-year break caused by Egypt's peace with Israel, Egyptian officials said.

Mubarak made a three-day visit to Jordan last month to thank Hussein for renewing ties with Egypt and to discuss possible future moves for renewing negotiations with Israel on a settlement of the Palestinian problem.

Egyptian officials said Hussein and Mubarak, in their Cairo talks, will pursue their quest for ways to push peace efforts. They will concentrate on the results of the Palestine National Council meeting in Amman, said the officials.

Hussein and the PLO have been urging an international conference to forge a settlement with the participation of the Soviet Union and the U.S. along with regional parties concerned including the PLO.

But in an interview with the Cairo state-owned newspaper *Al-Gomhuriya* published yesterday, Jordanian Foreign Minister Taber Masri indicated a Jordanian change of heart was possible.

Masri reiterated his country's support for an international conference, but said: "If Reagan wants to stick to his initiative, we have no objection, but he will have to prepare the ground once more for its acceptance and he will have to start with Israel."

Taxi drivers may strike on Tuesday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Israel Taxi Owners Association last night decided that unless the government approves a fare increase by Monday, its members would strike on Tuesday. The strike would continue until the rise is approved, the Association said.

The decision follows what the taxi drivers regard as foot-dragging by the government committee charged with deciding if they should be allowed to increase their fares during the price freeze.

The drivers are seeking an already-approved 23 per cent rise. It was to have gone into effect on November 1 to cover rises in operation costs during September but the Transport Ministry cancelled it.

300,000 scholarship fund

The Rothschild Fund has donated 300,000 to provide university scholarships for students who agree to each scientific subjects at high schools after graduation.

Herzog: Jewish youths don't know past

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — President Chaim Herzog yesterday urged an all-out effort to teach Israeli youth and Jewish youth in the Diaspora their common heritage. He noted that few Israeli youngsters understand the significance of November 29 (yesterday's date), the anniversary of the UN decision on a partition in Palestine, while in the Diaspora fewer and fewer Jewish youth appreciate their heritage.

The president was addressing a ceremony at Beth Hatefutsoth of the award of the museum's first five honorary fellowships. The fellows were given scrolls by Baron David de Rothschild, president of the museum's international council, which ended its annual meeting yesterday.

The fellowships were awarded to Deputy Premier and Education Minister Yitzhak Navon, historian Prof. Salo Baron, Nobel laureate Isaac Bashevis Singer, and Norman Gilnovsky and Abraham Spiegel, both leaders of the U.S. Friends of the Museum. Singer's scroll was received by his son, *Al Hanihar* Deputy Editor Yisrael Zumin, as Singer is ill and could not attend.

Syrian Jewry said living in fear

Jerusalem Post Staff
The estimated 4,500 Jews of Syria are in good health physically, but many of them are living in fear, according to Tamar Golan, an Israeli journalist who accompanied French President Francois Mitterrand to Syria.

She said Mitterrand intended to discuss the plight of the Syrian Jewry with President Hafez Assad during the visit, but that the prevailing "heavy atmosphere" had prevented such discussion.

Mitterrand probably did mention the subject of Syrian Jewry, she told Israel Television last night, and that would have been enough to show Assad that the western world is concerned.

Golan, a *Ma'ariv* reporter based in Paris gained entry into Syria on a second passport.

Israel national cagers beat England, 85-77

By DON GOULD

Post Basketball Reporter
Israel's national basketball team, leading by 20 points with only four and a half minutes left to play, only managed an 85-77 victory over England last night at Yehuda sports stadium.

This was Israel's second straight win in World Cup preliminary rounds. About 6,000 fans witnessed the erratic play by the home side, as poor shooting and sloppy ball handling never allowed the winners to maintain any of the large leads they built up.

Veteran Lou Silver, playing the full 40 minutes, led both teams at scoring with 24 points. Mickey Bekovitz chipped in with 21 points. Martin Clarke led the visitors with 20.

'Faith-healer didn't help cancer patient'

The 14-year-old Jerusalem girl who was treated for bone cancer by a faith-healer in the Philippines recently is in no better condition now than before the treatment, the Hadassah Hospital in Ein Kerem reported yesterday.

The girl was admitted to the hospital on Wednesday for tests to see if the "bloodless surgery" carried out by faith-healer John Labou had produced any results. She returned from the treatment in the Philippines last week and her mother said her condition was much improved.

But the results of this week's tests were the same as those of similar tests about two months ago, the hospital said. (Itim)

On the third anniversary of the passing of our beloved
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Defence Ministry paid for 'phantom' Nahal post

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Defence Ministry paid for a civilian settlement in the West Bank because it was supposedly earmarked for the army's Nahal unit — even though Nahal may never have used the site.

Civilian settlers took over Nahal on October 21. But it is not clear whether the Nahal (pioneering and fighting youth) soldiers that they "replaced" ever occupied or even were expected to occupy — the hilltop village south of Neve Tzuf.

Construction of the infrastructure, the three-kilometre dirt road leading to Nahal, and the pre-fabricated houses which now house a handful of families was financed by the Defence Ministry.

Several sources, one of whom served as an aide to Michael Dekel when the Herut politician was deputy agriculture minister, confirmed that the site had been earmarked for Nahal.

"The Ministry of Agriculture and the Defence Ministry decided Nahal would be a Nahal outpost," said one source.

Uri Bar-On, who was Ariel Sharon's aide to settlement when Sharon was defence minister, had a slightly different version — he claimed that the government had decided to make Nahal a Nahal outpost.

Building the road to Nahal, Bar-On said, had taken two years. He

and other sources were unable to say how much the development of the site had cost the Defence Ministry.

But was Nahal ever there? Levi Mann, who retired this month as head of the Nahal and Youth Department in the ministry, told *The Jerusalem Post* that he was not aware of the existence of a Nahal outpost at Nahal. Mann said he had been informed on the location and establishment of all Nahal settlements and outposts, but that this site was new to him.

Pinhas Wallerstein, head of the Mateh Binyamin Regional Council, was even more definite. "The Nahal did not come in here," he said.

Bar-On says Nahal was at Nahal briefly. The civilian group affiliated with Poalei Agudat Yisrael was sent there only after plans to settle them at Ras Karkar did not work out. They were placed at Nahal "in accordance with a cabinet decision to turn (the site) into a civilian settlement," Bar-On said. "The Nahal phase hardly existed."

The settlement group says that besides the Defence Ministry, it has received very little support from other public bodies, including the Housing Ministry and the World Zionist Organization's Settlement Department. Shimon Feuchtwanger, the group's chairman, said on Wednesday that the WZO provided only water and fuel for the settlement's generator.

Katsav to industrialists: 'Organized Israeli workers should get job preference'

By ILAN CHAIM
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Labour and Social Affairs Minister Moshe Katsav yesterday urged manufacturers to hire organized Israeli workers in preference to labourers from the territories or abroad, even if it means paying higher wages in the short term.

In his first meeting with leading members of the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations — representing the private manufacturers — Katsav said growing unemployment makes it imperative that jobless Israelis be hired first.

The minister estimated that 80,000-90,000 workers from Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip are employed in Israel.

The State Employment Service estimates that about half of them are not protected by a labour organization and that, in addition, there are about 5,000 illegal foreign workers. In many cases, employers prefer them to organized Israeli workers because it is easy not to make deductions for social benefits, which organized workers enjoy but which increase their wages, Katsav said.

The industrialists agreed, some of

them calling unorganized workers "a cancer in the labour force."

Katsav also complained that the government sometimes does not coordinate its policy statements with its actions. Citing one example, he said the government's declared goal is to raise productivity. But this week the Treasury slashed by 25 per cent the budget of the ministry's Productivity Institute.

The manufacturers called for a joint effort with the government to identify industries that can be converted from production for the local market to production for export, and to help manufacturers make this conversion. Katsav readily agreed, informing them that a preliminary study by his ministry had found that \$30 million worth of defence imports could be supplied locally.

ORCHESTRA: An eight-man "promenade orchestra" made its debut in Eilat this week, where it will entertain sun-bathing tourists twice weekly in the hotel district. On Saturday afternoons it will appear with other Eilat night-club acts at the Ophira tourist centre.

Army Radio is judged most popular station

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Galei Zahal is the most listened to radio station according to a poll by Dahaf.

Galei Zahal, or Army Radio, remains most popular among soldiers, according to another survey, conducted by the behavioural sciences branch of the Israel Defence Forces.

Galei Zahal staffer Alex Ansky, whose "707" radio show was found to be the most-listened-to program on the air, said yesterday that the poll results should lead to the reconsideration of plans to dismiss 20 staffers (30 per cent of the staff) from the station.

The Dahaf poll, conducted by Dr. Mina Tzemach, encompassed a representative sample of 1,200 Jews 18 years of age or over. According to

the survey, between 6 and 7 a.m., 13.5 per cent of those questioned listened to the Third Programme (popular music), compared with 11.4 per cent who tune in to the Second Programme and 13.1 per cent who listen to Galei Zahal.

In the prime-time 7-to-8 a.m. slot, 20.4 per cent listen to Galei Zahal's "707" talk show, compared with only 17.6 per cent for the Second Programme's news magazine, 14 per cent for the Third Programme and 1.9 per cent for the First Programme (classical music).

Between 8 and 9 a.m., 16.5 per cent listen to the Third Programme; 16.3 per cent listen to the Galei Zahal news magazine and 10.3 per cent to the Second Programme's traffic and road-safety show. Ansky says these results should change the

minds of those in Galei Zahal who have lately been considering moving the morning newscast to 6 a.m.

Kol Yisrael radio's 1 p.m. news-magazine has an audience of 12.7 per cent compared with 15.4 per cent for the Third Programme and 12.1 per cent for Galei Zahal at the same hour.

The survey shows a decline in the size of the total radio audience from last year. Ansky thinks people are "tired" of the media.

According to the IDF poll, in which radio station preferences were evaluated on a one-to-six scale (least to most preferred), soldiers ranked Galei Zahal 4.9; the Third Programme 4.5; Abba Nathan's Voice of Peace 3.4; the Second Programme 3.4; the Voice of Music (classical music) 2.3, and the First Programme 2.2.

But officials temper Reagan's comments to *The Washington Times*: Mideast initiative 'closer than it's been'

By WOLF BLITZER, Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — White House officials yesterday said they did not expect President Ronald Reagan to act on his Mideast peace initiative in the near future, despite Reagan's comments published on Wednesday in *The Washington Times*, and quoted in yesterday's *Jerusalem Post*.

Reagan had told the *Times* that he thought his September 1982 peace plan was the proper course to take and that "it is a little closer than it's been for some time."

The officials said the president will be preoccupied with domestic economic policies, U.S.-Soviet arms control and the situation in Central America rather than the Mideast in the near future.

They also cautioned against reading Reagan's references to the PLO as indicating a softening of the U.S. attitude to the organization.

"There was no implied recognition," one official said, "simply an analysis of what was happening within the PLO."

State Department officials said the administration would continue to play a quiet, behind-the-scenes role in trying to help arrange an Israeli withdrawal from South Lebanon. They also expected a more intensive U.S. effort aimed at easing Israel's economic crisis.

But like their colleagues at the White House, they discounted the likelihood that the U.S. would embark on any new peace initiative soon.

Pelicans extend their stay on their way to Africa

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — When 7,000 pelicans landed in the Hula nature reserve a fortnight ago, experts predicted they would stay no longer than a week.

But rather than leaving, the pelicans have been joined by huge flocks in the Beit She'an valley and the coastal strip fish-pond areas, and are causing concern among the country's fish breeders.

It is estimated that more than 10,000 pelicans, on their way from Europe to Africa, have been feasting on the fish in the fish ponds.

"We've tried everything to make them understand they've overstayed their welcome, but they won't go," a spokesman for the breeders told *The Jerusalem Post*. "So we've resorted to firing in the air to scare them off. We might have hit one or two of the birds, but nothing substantial," he said.

This has brought the full fury of the various nature protection organizations, and there have been lots of arguments."

The spokesman conceded that the law protects the birds, "but we're being held hostage by the law. How would anybody else see the fruit of their labour going down the big

beaks of the pelicans?"

"They are eating our fish at the rate of several tons a day, at a cost of about a million shekels per ton. We can't afford such guests," the spokesman complained.

He believed that the birds were staying not only because of the extended warm weather but because "where else will they find such abundant take-away meals ready for the taking?"

The pelicans stay here on their way to Africa every year, but normally stay only a week.

Mekorot gets new general manager

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The board of directors of the Mekorot national water company here voted 10 to 1 with one abstention to oust general manager Ze'ev Ashkenazi and replace him with Yehzekel Zakai.

Zakai, a former Alignment MK and a moshav member, is close to Minister of Agriculture Arye Nehamkin who is also a moshav member.

Moshav members have complained that farmers pay too high a price for water and that credit is given them for too short a period — about two months.

It is believed that high on Zakai's agenda when he starts his new job on Sunday is finding ways to help the farming sector which is Mekorot's biggest customer.

Zakai will not have too much leeway, because the company's operating costs are extremely high, particularly its electric bill. During the past few months, the Israel Electric Corporation cut off power to some Mekorot installations because it did not pay its bill on time.

PLO urges UN to sponsor Mideast peace conference

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — The PLO pressed Wednesday for the convening of a UN-sponsored international conference that would bring it into the Middle East peace process on an equal footing with Israel.

Addressing the UN General Assembly, Zehdi Labib Terzi, the PLO's chief UN observer, accused the U.S. and Israel of "deliberate obstruction" of UN peace efforts by rejecting the conference idea.

As the assembly wound up three days of debate on the Middle East, India introduced a resolution reaffirming the world body's support for the 1983 PLO and Arab plan for an international conference under UN auspices. Such a conference would

bring together Israel, its Arab foes including the PLO, the Soviet Union and the U.S.

In all, Indian Ambassador Nataraajan Krishnan introduced three Middle East resolutions similar to ones adopted last year. They contain the usual denunciations of Israeli occupation and settlement policies in Arab territories and call for voluntary, international sanctions against the Jewish state. Such resolutions have had little, if any, practical effect in the past.

The assembly is to vote on the resolutions at a later, unspecified date. Observer status gives the PLO and Arab League a voice but not a vote in the 159-member assembly.

Nehamkin warns: Food prices must go up

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Agriculture Minister Arye Nehamkin warned yesterday that if the price of subsidized foods is not raised during the freeze period, some subsidies could spiral to 200 per cent.

Nehamkin was speaking to members of the council of Ha'oved Hatzioni Moshavim in Jerusalem.

He said subsidies for agricultural products should not exceed 25-30 per cent.

Nehamkin said he is planning to establish a special fund to aid farmers and villages in financial trou-

ble. He said he wanted to give farmers more time in which to repay loans.

Yitzhak Bar-Lev, the secretary-general of the moshav movement, said that despite the economic difficulties, a large number of young couples want to establish new villages or join existing ones. He said the Bnei Zion movement in the U.S. is planning to establish a new settlement which may be in the Arad area.

The minister reiterated his plan to revive farm production by bringing it under overall control and setting quotas, minimum prices and special prices for superior produce.

France and Israel sign tourism pact

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir this week signed a tourism agreement with his French counterpart Michel Crepeau, following Sharir's week-long visit in Paris.

The pact includes a commitment to encourage tourism between the two countries, and to engage in joint marketing for tourists from elsewhere (especially the Far East and the U.S.) to both countries. The two countries also promised to assist each other in training tourism work-

ers and to visits by youth, elderly, handicapped and invalids.

Meanwhile, the Jewish-born cardinal of Paris, Jean-Marie Lustiger, told Sharir that the church would organize pilgrimages to Israel and that Israeli tourist officials would work with the church to foster such visits. Lustiger also told the minister that the church is organizing a study conference at the Ratisbonne monastery in Jerusalem.

Sharir met with Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac, who promised to support an Air France promotion campaign featuring Paris and Jerusalem.

IRA paid \$500,000 to PLO for terror aid

LONDON (AP). — The Irish Republican Army has given the Palestine Liberation Organization \$500,000 as payment for the PLO's long standing support of the IRA guerrilla war in Northern Ireland, the *Daily Express* reported yesterday.

In what is called an exclusive report, the British tabloid said the

cash, in U.S. dollar bills, was handed over at an elaborate ceremony in Tunis on November 8 last year.

"Authoritative sources last night (Wednesday) believed that most of the money came from Noraid, the American pro-IRA fund-raising body," the paper said. It did not identify the sources.

Jewish cemetery desecrated in Nice

NICE (Reuter). — Vandals have desecrated nearly 70 graves in a Jewish cemetery in this southern French town, police said on Wednesday. The vandals damaged the graves Tuesday night, smashing tomb-

stones and tearing down vases and sculptures.

Two years ago the cemetery's chapel was broken into and at the same time another Jewish graveyard was ransacked.



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Or Yehuda - Industry Area, 1, Hamat St.

First Golda Meir awards to be given Sunday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Twenty-seven scholars will receive the first Golda Meir Fellowships on Sunday, the sixth anniversary of the death of the former prime minister.

The fellowships will be awarded at the Hebrew University's Mt. Scopus campus to three senior scholars, five post-doctoral students, nine Ph.D. candidates and 10 master's degree candidates. The fellowships are financed by the Golda Meir Fellowship Fund established last year. The award winners are from Israel and other countries and specialize in subjects ranging from philosophy to theoretical chemistry and physics.

The fellowship fund was established to bring young scientists and other scholars to Israel for research and study and thus to infuse new ideas and new approaches into the universities. It is also hoped that the fellowships will help forge a link between Israel, world Jewry and the international academic community.

Expected to attend the award ceremony are members of Golda Meir's family, Hebrew University president Professor Don Patinkin, Sam Rothberg, world chairman of the Golda Meir Fellowship Fund and former president of Israel Professor Ephraim Katzir, who is the fund's honorary Israeli president.

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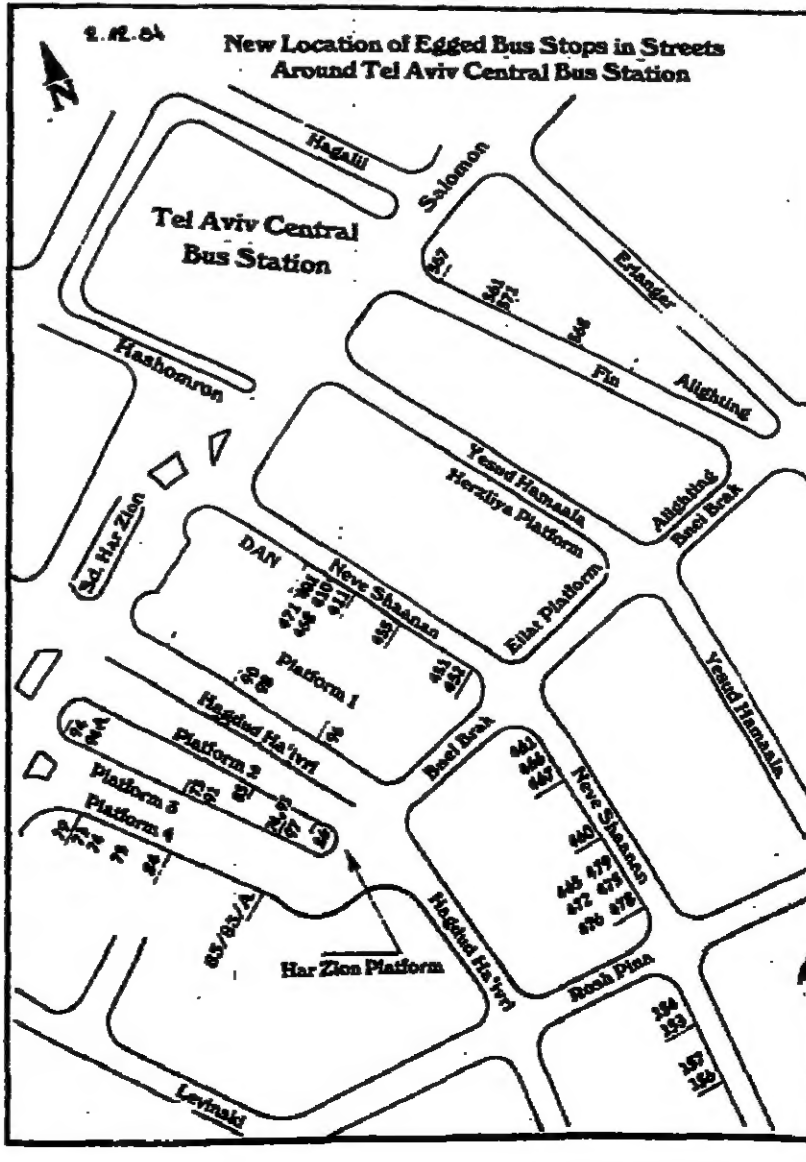
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Resiting of Bus Stops at Tel Aviv Central Bus Station

In order to make things more convenient for passengers, and to facilitate the movement of traffic around Tel Aviv Central Bus Station, changes will be introduced on December 2, in the siting of Egged departure bus stops at the Station. These changes are aimed at improving the service to passengers, to be achieved by reducing the movement of buses in the Station.

From Dec. 2, bus stops will be sited as shown



These are the changes:

- To Jerusalem and Beit Shemesh**
The departure stops of routes 401, 410, 411 will be moved to **Rehov Neve Shaanan**.
- To Holon, Ramat Aviv and Ramat Hahayal**
The departure stops of routes 74, 75, 79, 93, 94A and 97 will be moved to **Rehov Hagdud Ha'ivri** (Holon and Bat Yam platforms).
- To Kfar Saba**
The departure stops for routes 561, 567, 568, 571 will be moved to **Rehov Fin** (opposite Platform 2).
- To Ramla, Lod and Central District**
Departure stops for routes 153, 154, 156, 157, 451, 452, 455, 460, 461, 465, 466, 467, 468, 471, 472, 475, 476, 478, 479 will be moved to **Rehov Neve Shaanan**.



More Changes — For Your Convenience

Record win for Hawke seen in Australian vote

SYDNEY (Reuters). — Prime Minister Bob Hawke, his popularity only slightly dented by opposition campaigning, will romp to victory with a record Labour Party majority in tomorrow's Australian general elections, according to the latest opinion polls.

The polls say Australia's 9.5 million voters will give the former trade union leader a three-year term with the biggest majority in Labour's history — 99 seats compared with 49 for the Liberal-National coalition led by Andrew Peacock.

Hawke, who won a 25-seat majority in parliament in March last year, has run what commentators call a "no-contest" election by asking Australians to vote on his record.

He has presided over an economic recovery following the end of the country's worst drought, and has pledged more of the same along with low inflation.

Australians will get a taste of controversial American-style polling when for the first time returns from the eastern states will be reported before voting closes on the other side of the vast country, electoral officials said. Changes in the law will permit radio and television in Western Australia, three hours behind the east, to broadcast returns while voting



Bob Hawke (UPI)

booths are still open.

Similar coverage in U.S. presidential elections has stirred debate over whether this could influence late voters.

In the campaign, Hawke managed to play down the issue of organized crime and corruption despite the release of an official report saying crime was getting out of control.

But he has pledged to give top priority to fighting tax evasion and organized crime if re-elected.

Reagan meets Kohl today on talks with Soviets

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl meets President Ronald Reagan today for talks described by the U.S. administration as part of an intensive discussion within the western alliance in preparation for crucial U.S.-Soviet negotiations in January.

A senior administration official told reporters yesterday the NATO allies and Japan fundamentally agree with Washington's approach to the superpower relationship. Secretary of State George Shultz is to hold talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko at the January 7 meeting.

The official also said the deployment of U.S. cruise and Pershing missiles in Europe, which led to a breakdown of U.S.-Soviet arms control talks a year ago, was on schedule and would not falter unless an accord with the Soviets changed the scenario.

"We have a good consensus with

the allies on how to handle the U.S.-Soviet relationship," said the official.

The official said: "We think it's very important to have a chance to talk with key allied leaders and Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone prior to Geneva."

Reagan will meet visiting Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on December 22 and Nakasone on January 2.

Shultz and Gromyko are due to explore arms control issues in an effort to find a basis for resuming detailed U.S.-Soviet negotiations. The official said Reagan's proposal for "umbrella" talks embracing all types of nuclear and conventional weapons remains the basis of the U.S. approach.

The official said the allies agree to a moratorium on deployment of intermediate-range U.S. missiles in Europe. As suggested by Moscow, is "ill-advised and inappropriate at this time."

Sri Lanka moves to foil independent Tamil state

COLOMBO (Reuters). — The Sri Lankan government announced new emergency measures yesterday to counter rebel attacks and said intelligence reports showed Tamil guerrillas planned to set up a separate state by January 14.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali told parliament the new measures were aimed at thwarting a rebel plan to drive the security forces out of the northern and eastern provinces by December 31.

He said intelligence reports had shown that several guerrilla groups had joined forces and were planning large-scale attacks on state institutions in the northern and eastern districts as well as in Colombo.

He said many guerrillas, trained

and equipped in the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu, were reported to have already reached the northern Jaffna peninsula and more were expected there to launch a major offensive.

Athulathmudali announced the setting up of what he called a "prohibited zone" — an area of land along the western, northern and northeastern coast of the island.

The purpose of the zone was to prevent trained guerrillas landing on the northern shores from the south Indian state only 35 kilometres away, he added.

The new security laws follow a series of recent strikes by guerrillas fighting for a separate state for Sri Lanka's minority Tamils.

French settler slain by tribesmen in New Caledonia

NOUMEA, New Caledonia (Reuters). — A French settler was shot dead in his farmhouse and a car bomb exploded in the capital of the French territory of New Caledonia yesterday as militant tribesmen stepped up their campaign for independence, police said.

They said a 72-year-old farmer was killed and his wife badly wounded when militants attacked their farmhouse in a daylight raid on the village of Tende, in the island's northeast.

Police said the car bomb shattered windows in Noumea but caused no casualties.

Police blamed the shooting and the explosion on militant Melanesian Kanak tribesmen, who over the past two weeks have put most of the rural areas of the territory under siege.

Violence flared up in the run-up to the November 18 elections for a new national assembly for the territory, where the indigenous Kanak tribesmen make up 43 per cent of the population of 145,000.

The assembly consists largely of white settlers opposed to early independence for the territory.

International manhunt for suspected terrorist

BERNE (AP). — An international hunt is on for a ninth suspect in an Islamic terrorist plot against the U.S. Embassy in Rome, Swiss authorities said Wednesday.

An official statement released here said the unidentified man was an accomplice of the Lebanese whose arrest at Zurich airport led to the rounding up of seven other suspects in Italy.

The statement said the 21-year-old Lebanese held by Swiss authorities was detained November 18 after arriving from Beirut with a bag that was found to contain "explosive devices."

Gen. Hans Speidel, 87, plotted against Hitler

BONN (AP). — Retired General Hans Speidel, who survived involvement in the World War II plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler's life and became the first German to command NATO troops, died Wednesday, the Defense Ministry said. He was 87.

Speidel began his military career as a foot soldier in 1914 and rose to become one of Hitler's key commanders in World War II. But he became disillusioned with Hitler as the tide of war turned against Germany and joined the high-level bomb plot that almost succeeded in assassinating Hitler on July 20, 1944.

LIFTED. — New Delhi was free of curfew restrictions for the first time in four weeks yesterday when a night curfew was lifted in the eastern part of the city.

Villagers behead robbers

DACCA, Bangladesh (AP). — Angry villagers beheaded seven robbers who had killed a villager and wounded 25 others while trying to escape, a newspaper reported today.

The Bengali-language Ineqaq said the seven were trying to escape after a robbery on Wednesday.

India bans election films of actors-turned-politicos

NEW DELHI (AP). — Indian election officials this week ordered a ban on the showing on television of films of movie actors who are candidates for the country's parliamentary elections next month.

At least four film stars are among about 8,000 people who have filed nomination papers.

K. Ganesan, a spokesman for the election commission, announced the government-controlled television and radio had been told not to schedule movies or scripts starring the actors-turned-politicians to avoid undue publicity for the candidates.

Screaming Beatle fans greet McCartney film

LIVERPOOL (AP). — More than 1,000 pushing, screaming fans greeted Paul McCartney in a replay of 1960s Beatlemania when he attended the British premiere of his new movie Give My Regards to Broad Street in his home city of Liverpool on Wednesday night.

Police said one man was hurt as a crowd-control barrier gave way when fans surged forward as the ex-Beatle, now a well-preserved 42, arrived.

Among the 900-strong audience of celebrities and fans were singers Gerry Marsden and Billy J. Kramer, rock idols from the 1960s who became famous singing Beatles songs.

Dead banker accused of embezzling \$10m.

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters). — A senior American banker at a subsidiary of Japan's Mitsubishi Bank embezzled at least \$10 million before he died of the disease AIDS, his employers alleged on Wednesday.

The subsidiary, the San Francisco-based Bank of California, named Gary Stone, 51, a vice-president who worked for the bank for 17 years, as the culprit in what police described as the biggest swindle in memory.

The bank said Stone was so expert that his activities were not exposed until after he went on sick leave a year ago.

UN: Drug Trafficking crime against humanity

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). — A UN committee has adopted three resolutions declaring war on drug trafficking and calling for an international convention to suppress the trade.

One of the resolutions approved by the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee asked the UN Economic and Social Council to prepare an international convention that would identify trafficking in narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances as a crime against humanity.

Dinosaurs killed by radiation, says Russian

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Dinosaurs may have been killed off by radiation due to a sharp increase in the uranium content in the lagoons where they lived, according to the findings of a Soviet scientist.

The weekly Moscow News cited geologist Sergei Neruchev as saying his theory was based on research showing that the extinction of the prehistoric creatures coincided with a period of high natural uranium levels in rocks and water.

Neruchev said his theory was supported by analysis of dinosaur fossils that showed they had an unusually high uranium content.

Sports

European soccer

Hamish blocks United

LONDON (Reuters). — Hamish McAlpine, a 36-year-old goalkeeper who once had a reputation as an expert penalty-taker, was the most unlikely hero of last night's enthralling European soccer action.

While Anderlecht's glittering array of talent from all over Europe were outclassing once-great Real Madrid 3-0 in Brussels and holders Tottenham gained an undreamed 2-0 UEFA Cup win over Bohemians Prague, Dundee United's McAlpine produced an astonishing performance to thwart Manchester United in a 2-2 draw at Old Trafford.

The veteran goalkeeper, who has missed only one European game in 14 seasons, included a penalty save from Dundee-born Gordon Strachan in his repertoire of agile stops.

At that stage, Manchester — one of the UEFA Cup favorites — were leading 2-1 and pressing strongly. But McAlpine, who had been beaten by an earlier Strachan penalty, came to the rescue with a thrilling save and inspired Dundee to draw level.

"It was just one of those nights when everything that was hit came my way," said the modest McAlpine afterwards. "But I am pleased. It was about time I did something for the other lads because they have made it easy for me for a long time."

Holders Tottenham needed to dig deep into their reserves of determination and fortune to emerge with a hard won 2-0 victory over skilful Bohemians Prague in their UEFA Cup third round, first leg match here last night.

An own goal by the Czechoslovak's unlucky defender Jiri Ondra against the run of play after 26 minutes from time provided Tot-

tenham with an undeserved advantage to defend when they go to Prague for the second leg in two weeks.

The Czechs attacked most of the time, but failed to score due to their own slipshod finishing and some inspired saves by veteran goalkeeper Ray Clemence.

European football fans who have been impatiently awaiting the arrival of a team to match the great Ajax, Real Madrid and Honved sides of the past, may have had their hopes realized in Brussels last night.

For Belgian League leaders Anderlecht provided further evidence of their emergence as the continent's new super-team with a stunning UEFA cup display — ironically, against the former maestros from Madrid.

Real, six times champions of Europe in the 1950s and 1960s, were comprehensively beaten 3-0 in a third round first-leg tie and will surely make an undignified exit in front of their own fans in the Bernabeu Stadium in two weeks.

Internazionale Milan appear to be likely quarter-finalists after going down only 2-1 in Hamburg where the West Germans required a late goal for their narrow victory after Karl-Heinz Rummenigge had scored the Italians' vital away goal.

The Soviet Union appear well placed to provide two clubs in the last eight.

Dynamo Moscow enjoyed a splendid 2-0 win against Widzew Lodz in Poland. While Spartak lost West Germany's Cologne by the same score in Thuringia in Soviet Georgia.

Josef Stalbe of the Hungarian side Videoton scored four goals in his side's 5-0 thrashing of Partizan Belgrade in Yugoslavia.

Manchester United 2, Dundee United 2; Anderlecht 3, Real Madrid 0; Tottenham Hotspur 2, Bohemians Prague 0; Hamburg 2, Internazionale Milan 1; Widzew Lodz 0, Dynamo Moscow 2; Spartak 2, Cologne 0; Videoton 5, Partizan Belgrade 0.

SOCCER PREVIEW

War of revenge at YMCA

By PAUL KOHN

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Betar Jerusalem soccer fans consider Hapoel Tel Aviv the bane of their team. The Hapoel team have a fine record in their appearances at the YMCA ground, and, at the end of last season topped it all by beating Betar 3-0 to put an end to the Jerusalem team's championship aspirations.

Hapoel Tel Aviv return to the YMCA stadium tomorrow, no doubt to a "warm welcome" from Betar fans in a league title challenge position, lying second in the table compared to Hapoel's 11th place. Betar have scored 20 goals compared to half that number by the Hapoel forwards, yet the home team will surely treat these visitors with the greatest respect. Memories of last year's debacle could inhibit the Betar attack instead of spurting them on to vengeance. Much will depend on Eli Ohana, Sami Malka and Uri Mahmilian having the right psychological approach.

Hapoel showed the first signs of teamwork in their 0-0 draw at home against Maccabi Netanya last Saturday. Although the tall Eli Yanni now spearheads the attack, added sting is what new coach Yaacov Grumman should be looking for. This will be a hard-fought encounter, and should draw a good crowd to YMCA.

The other two National League front-runners, Maccabi Haifa and Maccabi Tel Aviv, both have home fixtures. Coach Shlomo Scharf must

be worried that his Haifa strikers Zahi Armeli and Moshe Selektor looked distinctly blunt last week in their team's 1-0 away defeat by Hapoel Lod, their second consecutive away game loss. Shimson are never an easy team to beat, but as Maccabi Haifa have won all their home games this season, they should win this one as well.

Maccabi Tel Aviv face little Maccabi Yavne, who beat Shimson 4-1 fortnight ago and held Betar Jerusalem to a 2-2 draw last week. The morale is at fever pitch at Yavne. Their football is keen, and their tackling is fierce, so the more glamorous Tel Avivians will know they've been in a game by journey's end at Bloomfield tomorrow.

Maccabi Jaffa and Mordchai Spiegler, their new coach, pulled off a mid-week scoop with the signing of goalkeeper Arie Alter from Maccabi Netanya. Spiegler should know all about Alter, who is the reserve national team keeper, and his arrival may just make all the difference for the bottom club and their new coach. There will be few better opportunities to show that Jaffa have turned the corner, as Hakoah Ramat Gan, another team with relegation worries, will be their visitors.

In Petah Tikva, fans will be treated to a derby between the town's Hapoel and Maccabi teams. On paper, Maccabi appear to have the edge with Oded and Gad Machness, Nissim Barda and Moshe Marcus on parade.

England again under siege

Post Sports Staff

David Gower's English side are again in deep trouble, this time in the first cricket Test against India in Bombay.

A 19-year-old bowler of leg-spinners and googlies, Laxman Sivaramakrishnan, apparently as difficult to play as it is to pronounce his name, took 6 for 64 and was primarily responsible for England's dismissal for a paltry 193. Only a dogged eighth wicket stand between wicket-keeper Paul Downton and bowler Phil Edmunds saved England from worse ignominy.

India are 268 for six (Syed Kirmani 80 not out), and none of the English bowlers is posing any problems to the Indian batsmen. David Gower seems to have run out of ideas how to handle the situation.

England 193, India 268. Meanwhile, in Hyderabad, Pakistan trounced New Zealand by seven wickets in the second Test, Musadmir Nazar and Javed Miandad both making centuries in Pakistan's 230 for 3. This was Miandad's second century of the match.

The New Zealanders have lodged an official complaint about biased umpiring by Klaus Harter, which is being investigated by the Pakistan Cricket Control Board.

New Zealand 207 and 189, Pakistan 230 and 236.

Doubles win

Post Sports Staff

Shlomo Glickstein and Shahr Perkis scored a fine victory in the first round of the Men's Doubles in the Australian Open in Melbourne, defeating Anand Amritraj and Leif Shirs 6-2, 7-5, yesterday.

There were no major surprises in the tournament, although Mats Wilander had to summon up all his reserves to pull off a narrow 1-6, 6-3, 7-5, 4-3 victory over unknown New Zealander David Mustard.

Chris Evert Lloyd moved to within the victory of her 1,000th tournament singles triumph by annihilating Myrland Schrep 6-2, 6-0.

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TEN WEEKS of this government has added nothing to ten years of nothing from its predecessors. The whole field of micro-economics lies fallow, with less and less interest shown in it. Indeed, many policy-makers seem unaware of its existence.

Micro-economics deals with individuals, households and firms. All the fancy stuff, the balance of payments, foreign currency reserves, tax systems, and so forth, have nothing directly to do with us, our families, our grocery on the corner. The much ballyhoo'd "economic crisis" is always described with reference to the macro-economic problems — on the unwritten assumption that they determine the small-scale or personal problems.

Thus unemployment is seen as a national issue rather than a major crisis, or trauma, for each and every individual involved. Ditto bankruptcy. If a given number of firms go bankrupt, then total demand (or supply) will fall, tax receipts will be lost and the budget deficit will widen, etc.

By extension, solutions are also presented on national terms. "If foreign aid, or investment, goes up by 'x' billion dollars, then the result will be 'y' per cent improvement in the balance of payments, 'z' per cent fall in unemployment" ... and so forth. Not surprisingly, all the professional economists and professors who speak endlessly on every topic are macro specialists. Government ministers and senior civil servants only deal in billions of dollars, or fractions thereof, as if no smaller units of measurement exist.

One might believe that there is no other way of thinking, no alternative method of taking decisions. After all, when was the last time any serious establishment figure ever produced a new idea or fresh initiative based on looking at the economy as a conglomeration of micro elements?

When, in other words, did anyone in government last consider the concept that change is made incrementally, through the myriad decisions of many small units, rather than as something imposed from above?

Once upon a time there was a breed of Sapiens and Eshkolis who understood that industry and agriculture are built factory by factory, farm by farm and kibbutz by kibbutz. They were products of a socialist ethos based on the belief of doing

ONE FACTORY AT A TIME

By PINHAS LANDAU

The country has fallen under the sway of a breed of incompetent bureaucrats who have the insolence to consider themselves 'technocrats' of some sort



things from the ground up — "a goat and a tree" was the slogan then.

Since then, however, the country has fallen under the sway of a breed of incompetent bureaucrats, who have the insolence to consider themselves "technocrats" of some sort. They believe that under their direction Israel will become more modern — a "post-industrial" society. The results are now open to inspection.

However, instead of drawing the relevant conclusions, their response is to move ever further along the path of centralised "socialism" — i.e. bureaucratic control. Thus, instead of joining the First World of technologically-oriented democracies, we find ourselves a curious mixture of elements of Second World, Eastern European, has-been economies and Third World undeveloped, laggard economies.

This is one basic reason why the national unity government was able to coalesce around economic issues. There is no meaningful distinction between the "socialism" of the Labour Party of today and the populist state-control advocated by the Likud. The so-called "Liberal"

party, apparently shocked at its own brazenness in attacking currency controls in 1977, has ever since been in the vanguard of increasing government control of everything, and stifling any form of private endeavour.

WE ARE STILL in the very early stages of the economic crisis. The realization that this is not going to be some passing phenomenon, to be dispatched at one shot with "emergency/draconic decrees," but rather a long and painful struggle spreading over years, is only slowly sinking in for members of the new government. The fact that new ideas and an entirely different approach will have to be adopted before any progress is made is a revelation they have still to experience.

For this reason the country is being put through a second round of "correct economics" in the guise of a package deal. It is clear, after four weeks of "freeze", that neither prices nor wages nor anything else is frozen; that now, as in 1983, the maintenance of gross distortions can only end ignominiously; and that no matter who is finance minister, or which government seeks to impose rules that fly in the face of the laws of economic and rational behaviour,

they cannot succeed for long. And yet, the attempt is being made.

The debate, however, must move on. What can be done, what might be done and what ought to be done? ONE PROMISING approach is precisely that change of viewpoint outlined above. Try looking at things from a micro-economic perspective. Assume that the huge deficit in the balance of payments is a major problem (it is, probably the problem). Then exports must be increased (and imports decreased, though this is more a short-term than long-term solution). But how?

Try, instead of declaring that the government wants, desires or insists that exports increase, to look at it from the point of view of the company that might be doing the exporting. Eliminate all the bleating and cheating that is tied up with export subsidies. Consider the problems of pricing, costs and — above all of marketing. Design both legal and administrative procedures so as to facilitate rather than hinder existing and potential exporters. Adopt a policy that allows efficient and successful exporters to be rewarded through their own sales efforts, rather than through milking the government (and taxpayers) or through special interest lobbying.

In practical terms, this means allowing the exchange rate to achieve its true function of a pricing mechanism, which determines which goods and services are worth exporting; giving tax or other incentives to employers and/or employees in specific sectors; extending direct help to companies seeking to break into export markets by guidance and, possibly, financial assistance, through government agencies equipped with the knowledge and personnel (and clout) to do the job.

It means undoing a lot of existing things as well. These include the government control of the capital markets; restrictions on Israeli companies on raising capital abroad or drawing foreign capital here; the whole taxation mess, and much else besides.

Another field urgently in need of new thinking is the labour market. Despite all the wringing of hands over rising unemployment, most people are convinced that it is as inevitable as road accidents. In both cases, this is only as true as one wants to make it. Meaning? Well, for example this:

A leading economic analyst was quoted on these pages a few days ago as saying that in an economic crisis,

it is easier and cheaper to prevent the loss of several existing jobs than to create one new one. This conclusion was based on the experience of major European corporations. It may well be true, but it is dangerous to drive nontheless, and for one reason. We must not, indeed we dare not, look at the European economies for a lead. Why?

"In the decade after the 1973 oil shock, the U.S. created 14 million jobs and Japan three million; the countries of the EEC lost almost two million. Most predictions are that the last half of the 1980s will continue the tale of European stagnation" (Economist, November 24, 1984).

In other words, the Europeans are reconciled to high levels of unemployment, without offsetting economic growth. The Pacific basin, from California to Hongkong, which is where the action is in the world economy, is characterized by a much higher rate of job creation than job destruction. Israel must emulate that. But how?

Private enterprise, for one thing. But even within the existing Israeli

setting, the government and Histadrut must stop blocking innovative trends in work attitudes and performance. Flexibility in hours worked, in the type or range of jobs that an individual worker can and might do, in the framework in which he works — alone, in a team or in a larger unit — all these are changing rapidly in countries that are moving forward.

EXISTING new concepts regarding ownership and management of firms have come to the fore in various countries. The idea that the work force of a factory or firm should be on the board, or own some or all of the shares, is gaining ground. Some call it socialism and some call it capitalism, but leave that for the theoreticians. What is of interest is whether it works. Has it been tried here? When did we last hear of a firm being offered to its own workers, unless it was a terminal case? Does the Histadrut have anything to say on this subject?

The immobility of labour is also one of the great bugbears of Israeli industry. Because it is so difficult to move one's place of accommodation, most people don't consider moving to a new job if it is available in a different location. This has been discussed endlessly, but at the end of the day, the dead hand of the bureaucracy and the special interests of the inefficient building industry (with Hevrat Ha'ovdim companies prominently represented) have always killed off any suggested reforms.

There is much more to be said about the labour market, along the same lines. There is also the capital market to be considered. And taxation. And social services. And education and culture and communications and almost every field of activity in this country in which human beings come up against the bureaucracy.

But all we have had so far is nothing. We are now being sucked into a swamp of nothingness, a vacuum devoid of ideas and initiative. That is why we look the way we do.

The old adage says that an expert is someone who learns more and more about less and less until he knows everything about nothing. So it is with our system: it will seek to control more and more of less and less until it controls everything of nothing.

What will it take before they learn that growth cannot be forced from above; that it sprouts from below — if you only let it.

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THE NEWS from Herut HQ at Metstutad Ze'ev is that Deputy Premier David Levy will repeat his 1981 "Strong Man for the Histadrut" performance next year. It is said that Levy's decision to once again head the Likud Histadrut list is tied to his build-up for the Herut convention, which is due to meet before the Histadrut elections.

Some Labour Party sources talk of November 1985 as the likeliest date for the Histadrut elections. But secretary-general Yisrael Kessar isn't giving anything away, apart from saying they will not be later than 1985. At any rate, the Labour Party is convinced that Kessar is sufficiently secure in his job to fend off successfully any Levy-led assault.

This week's cliff-hanger over whether the national unity boat would overturn provided some relief from Lebanon and the economic woes. Speculation over the longevity of the coalition subsided after the late-a-tete of Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir, followed by lunch with their wives at the premier's residence.

It was Sonia Peres's first endeavour at entertaining since she and her husband moved in last week. Meanwhile Shulamit Shamir was afforded a chance to see the improvements made in the house that almost became her home — and which is scheduled to become so in two years' time.

Incidentally, I was told by interior designer Dora Gat that her team had only completed refurbishing the Peres' living quarters on the first floor. Work on the ground-floor public reception area has been halted due to lack of funds.

The residence, originally designed for Israel's second premier, the late Moshe Sharett, in the early '50s became somewhat run down towards the end of Menachem Begin's occupancy.

THE REALLY big fuss over what Peres was supposed to have said about industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon during his chat with writers in Tel Aviv was raised by supporters of the ever-absent Arik, like MK David Magen, but much less so by backers of Shamir, like Knesset Interior Committee chairman Dov Shlansky.

There must be a connection between such zealotry and Shamir's chances of making it back to the Prime Minister's Office.

Those present at the meeting with Peres, like Prof. Arye Sachs, thought

Peres was over-considerate of Sharon. When asked why the government had agreed to pay some of his expenses in his private libel suit against Time Magazine, Peres retorted: "Why should I make him the Likud's hero?"

In all the fuss over the Sharon issue, people ignored Peres's really significant declaration of his readiness to negotiate with King Hussein without prior conditions. Asked about the Likud's position if the king agreed to come to the conference table, Peres replied: "If Herut agrees to come, they'll be there. If not, what can we do?"

SOME COALITION circles believe there is a greater threat to the government's stability from an increasingly frustrated Ezer Weizman than from any Likud source. Weizman kept himself busy for a while by chatting up disaffected Liberals, but lately his interest has shifted to the left. Recently, he has been seen in the company of such opposition MKs as Mapam's Victor Shemtov, and the CRM's Shulamit Aloni and Yossi Sarid. Peres' people, meanwhile, disclaim any responsibility for Weizman's spurs of counter-coalition-making.

NOW THAT Yitzhak Rabin has made it to the Defence Ministry, he has lost interest in his old party faction — unlike Peres, he never lifted a finger to help any of his supporters, particularly Ora Namir, who by her own merits has become chairman of the Knesset Social Services and Labour Committee, where she has already proved her mettle.

Last Friday, she was the only one of the 13-member committee to take part in its official visit to Ashdod to look at the employment situation there.

When her committee this week expressed concern over the situation at the bankrupt Ata textile concern, Namir wondered: "All of a sudden the former owner, Shani Eisenberg, has disappeared from the face of the earth, when it comes to answering questions about his commitments to the Ata personnel."

There must be grim satisfaction for Lord Marcus Sieff, Marks and Spencer president, who sounded the alarm just a year ago about the decline in Ata products.

ON SUNDAY, Peres will be able to relax from the pressures of office when he delivers the annual lecture at Sede Boker in memory of Paula and David Ben-Gurion. At the same time, he will be awarded an honorary PhD from the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

NOT MANY flower shops can claim to have had a future prime minister as a delivery boy. That honour goes to the longest-established Tel Aviv florist, Katz' flower shop, founded by Menachem Katz back in 1926. Those were the days when teenager Shimon Persky earned a bit of spending money by delivering flowers by bicycle for Katz.

When I phoned the shop to get some information about Shimon the shalich, the firm's manager — and son-in-law of the founder — Yehosh Pearlman was very cagey. The chairman of the Israeli chapter of Interflora almost sounded like a government spokesman when he intoned: "I can neither confirm nor deny your story."

PRESIDENT Chaim Herzog has had quite a varied week, ranging from a lengthy interview on CBS's *Sixty Minutes* current affairs show to a visit to the Jerusalem fire station, where he tried on a fire-fighter's helmet. His host, Mayor Teddy Kol-

lek, quipped: "Our fire brigade not only knows how to extinguish fires but also how to prevent them. Let's pray our government will learn to do likewise."

WHILE PRESIDENT Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire keeps postponing his state visit to Jerusalem, his Israeli connection has brought him valuable business contacts. A recent visitor from New York has been Kenneth Bialkin, current chairman of the Presidents Conference. Bialkin's law office represents major U.S. concerns, and now he has been invited by Mobutu to examine investment prospects in Zaire.

The African leader recently flew to Monte Carlo to be the guest of Leon Tamman on his yacht.

The Anglo-Jewish tycoon, who invited representatives of Koor, IAI and Bank Leumi to meet Mobutu, was apparently persuaded to get involved in Zaire at the behest of President Herzog, whose son is married to Tamman's niece, the daughter of Nessim Gao of Geneva.

CHIEF OF GENERAL Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy has for a long time now set an example of austerity — even before the latest round of belt-tightening. I'm told that when obliged to stay late at GHQ, he does not use his option to stay at a hotel,

preferring his parents' home. The same applies when he is unable to get home to Kibbutz Beit Alpha from Jerusalem. Instead, he always sleeps at the home of a friend. Not only has he swapped his official limousine for a Ford Escort, but also donates 10 per cent of his pay to Libi, the defence fund.

WHEN FINANCE MINISTER Yitzhak Moda'i was the guest speaker at Haifa's Shipping Club, he nodded his head in agreement when chairman Ze'ev Fortuna quoted an old Jewish curse: "May you earn what you put on your income tax declaration."

AFTER THREE YEARS as Ambassador to Bolivia, Ariel Avidor has returned to his publishing firm in Tel Aviv. Foreign Minister Shamir and director-general David Kimche have praised him as one of the most successful political appointments to the Foreign Service. Liberal activist Avidor got quite a send-off from La Paz — 60 farewell parties, including one tendered by Egyptian ambassador Methat Tawfik. He was also the first Israeli envoy to be awarded the Order of the Condor by Foreign Minister Alvarez Plata, the highest decoration bestowed by the Bolivian government.

Before leaving, he was received by resigned. The others lapse — into political passivity, into exhausting defence of their seats against the predators of the ultra-left. What Mr. Moonman rejects is a Leninist model of Labour Party organization. Mr. Meacher pretends it is all the government's fault...

Janner contemptuously dismisses Fleet Street as "95 per cent Tory." "As far as we are concerned," he says, "the press is our enemy, apart from the Mirror Group (owned now by former Labour MP Robert Maxwell). If it were not like that we'd be in power. The press is a built-in barrier to Labour ascendancy."

"It's in the interests of the press barons to denigrate Neil Kinnock. Imagine what the press would have done to us if we had been in power and the pound had fallen from \$2.45 to \$1.25..."

MOONMAN HAS a different perspective on a similar hypothesis. "Imagine," he says, "what the situation would have been if the issue were reversed: if a Tory shadow minister sent such a questionnaire to Conservative members of health authorities. Not a single hospital would be open in Britain: they'd all be out on strike."

Moonman says there has been no immediate causal connection between his Jewish and Zionist activism and his decision to quit the Labour Party. Rather, Labour's steady shift away from its earlier sympathy with Israel had been "part of the softening-up of Eric Moonman."

"I have found a growing element

one of La Paz's most powerful men, Vice-President Jaime Paz Zamora, who spoke of visiting Israel soon.

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER Amnon Rubinstein and his wife Ronnie have cause for pride and it's nothing to do with politics: their daughter, Tali, has earned kudos for her translation and direction of David Mamet's play *American Buffalo* at the Beit Leissin Theatre.

THE MANY FRIENDS of Eddy and Marianne Florjusz have been delighted at the opportunity to greet the Dutch couple during their visit to Israel for the inauguration at the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem of the cardiology pavilion named after them.

The Florijus became involved in Israel during his service here between 1973-78 as director of the Hilton Hotels in Israel. Today, he is general-manager of the Vista International Hotel in New York, where he raised money for the hospital among hoteliers, some of whom, like Grand Hyatt general manager Hartmut Staus, visited Israel for the occasion. Tel Aviv Hilton veteran sales manager Anita Omer held a dinner party at her home to enable friends to meet the most popular manager that any Israeli hotel has had.

Baron David De Rothschild — and other luminaries — flew in for the International Council of Beth Hatefutsoth, of which he is president. The highlight of its sessions was yesterday's ceremony at which five honorary fellowships were awarded, to Education Minister Yitzhak Navon, Historian Prof. Saleh Baron, author Isaac Bashevis Singer (in absentia), Norman Glimovsky, and Abraham Spiegel, leading spirits in the U.S. Friends East and West Coast Divisions.

On the previous evening, the exhibition "World of Yesterday, Jews in England 1870-1920" was opened, with speeches by Museum director Aharon Doron, British Friends president Lord Victor Mishcon, and British ambassador William Squires. There was also a lecture on Anglo-Jewish history by Abba Eban. The exhibition brought prominent members of Anglo-Jewry to Israel, including *Jewish Chronicle* editor

Geoffrey Paul and June Jacobs. Herzog and Squires met again later yesterday evening at the 33rd anniversary dinner of the Israel-Britain Chamber of Commerce, chaired by its president, Shmuel Eyal.

I HEARD expressions of hope for improved relations between Rome and Jerusalem from Italian Minister for Liaison with parliament, Oscar Mammì, after he met Premier Peres, who discussed with this senior Republican Party figure his plans to visit Italy after he's been to Paris to see President François Mitterrand.

With Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti taking over chairmanship of the EC Council for the next six months, Rome takes on a new importance in European politics.

I met the Italian minister during the buffet dinner tendered by Italian Ambassador Corrado Taliani and his English-born wife, Odile, at their elegant Tel Binyamin residence. The guests, who included MK Eliyahu Ben-Elissar and wife Nitsa, and world Wizo president Raya Jaglom, earlier enjoyed a recital by young Roman cellist Antonio Lysy, whose performances in Israel are being organized by Italian Cultural Institute director, cultural attaché Panna Kizeridis.

When trying to use the phone, I learned from the ambassador that only the kitchen extension works — all the other phones in the house (the residence in the early '50s of foreign minister Moshe Sharett) have been out of order since last November.

"We have begged the telephone service for a year to repair the phones, but to no avail," the envoy said, revealing that a dinner guest — a senior Israeli cabinet minister — was most uncomfortable about having to conduct a confidential phone conversation from the kitchen.

OUR FIFTH premier, Golda Meir, may have become an inflationary milestone at home, with her face on the new 10,000 shekel note, but in America she remains an undying legend.

Lately the Golda Meir Memorial Square was dedicated in the heart of Manhattan's garment district adjoining a building owned by Jack Weiler, honorary president of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York. The square is graced with a bust of Golda sculpted by Beatrice Goldfine.

ROW OVER LABOUR

From DAVID LANDAU in London

"IF THE FACE of labour is the face of the extreme left, then it would be better — ultimately better for the British Labour movement itself — for Labour not to return to power."

This starkly bitter comment, from a man who has been a Labour activist all his life, seems to highlight the sorry state of the British socialist party, now increasingly held in the deadening grip of its own hard-line left.

Eric Moonman, Labour MP for Billericay from 1966-70, and for Basildon from 1974-79, a past chairman of the British Zionist Federation and of British Poalei Zion, resigned from his party in disgust last week, accusing it of "Stalinism."

As chairman of the Islington Health Authority in London, he had been required by Labour's shadow health minister, Michael Meacher, to fill out forms stating the age, sex,

occupation, voting habits and behaviour of all 16 members of his authority.

Labour members of other health authorities around the country have been similarly circled by the hard-line leftist Meacher as part of the fight against the Conservative government's "privatization" of sections of the National Health Service.

Moonman bristles at what he called this "disgraceful...Stalinist spying."

He points out that he (and others) had been required to report on the politics not only of Labour-appointed members of the health authorities — in itself, in his view, an anti-democratic requirement — but also on the voting-patterns of non-political appointees.

"I do not know the politics of, for instance, the nursing or GP representatives on the Islington Health

Authority. Nor do I wish to know," he says. After 40 years of party work — he began as a 16-year-old leader of a guild of young printers in Liverpool — Moonman, in a blaze of press publicity (and widespread applause), has left the Labour Party.

"Neil Kinnock [British Labour Party leader] is a very nice guy," Moonman told *The Jerusalem Post* in an interview last week. "But sadly he has failed to stem the encroachment of the extreme left."

"NONSENSE," says another prominent Anglo-Jewish figure and long-time Labourite, Greville Janner MP. "Neil is not failing to stem any encroachment. There is an attempt at encroachment. But the fact that Tony Benn won only 60 votes out of 206 in a Parliamentary Labour party ballot for shadow cabinet posts shows the true balance of power. There is a Marxist left. But the centre is firmly democratic-socialist, and it holds the commanding heights of the parliamentary party."

Janner is enthusiastic in his praise for Kinnock: "Bright, brilliant, centre-of-the-road, a good friend of Israel...he has my full support."

Janner, current president of the Board of Deputies, the Anglo-Jewish representative organization, is equally firm in his support of Meacher. The circular, he asserts, was "totally proper."

"It was announced in advance and there was no secrecy about it. With the government seeking to destroy the health service, we are right to try to lay bare the government's policy," he says.

"Meacher on this issue has my full support — and I've told him so."

WHY, THEN, did public opinion in Britain seem to think otherwise? *The Times*, for example, in an editorial commenting on Moonman's resignation, spoke of him as "the authentic voice of a generation of Labour activists, MPs, councillors, party officials and mere Labour voters that is now in its dotage. Mr. Moonman



Greville Janner



Eric Moonman

in the Labour Party that crosses the line between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism. I've attended too many meetings where the speakers — MPs and others — claim they're 'not anti-Semitic, just against Israeli policies.' Privately, several up-and-coming figures in Labour are blatantly anti-Semitic."

"There isn't the tolerance, the broadness of spirit, that there was in

the past." Here, too, Greville Janner is impatiently at odds with his former party colleague: "At the time of the Lebanon War," he says, "anti-Semitism surged up — across the board. In general, not all the far-left is anti-Semitic, and if there is anti-Semitism, then it is more than matched by the anti-Semitism on the Tory far-right."



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Much has been said and written about the plight of the Ethiopian people. Last week I spent several days in the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia and met with representatives of various charitable organizations and officials of the relief and rehabilitation commission, set up by the Ethiopian government. I have seen the suffering of young and old, caused by the drought.

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Decision based on ethics

By SHULAMIT ALONI, MK

IT IS NOT by chance that Israel's Declaration of Independence of May 14, 1948, mentions Binyamin Ze'ev Herzl, the First Zionist Congress, the Balfour Declaration of 1917, the historical connection between the Jewish people and the Land of Israel, the UN partition decision of November 29, 1947, and the establishment of a Jewish state in Israel.

None of this is accidental. Nor is it a mere oversight that the Council of Sages and the Tora Guardians are not mentioned there at all, since these groups fought the idea of Zionism from its inception and actually objected to the establishment of the State of Israel.

It is also not by chance that the groups who perpetrated acts of terror against the Arab population and against the British are not mentioned in the Declaration of Independence.

Arab terror against the Jewish population — which accompanied the Zionist movement from its inception — did not prevent the establishment of a Jewish state; and, by the same token, Jewish terror which involved the death and injury of Arabs and of British mandatory personnel — did not bring about the establishment of the state.

The falsehood that penetrated school textbooks and the media during the seven years of Likud government concerning the role of Jewish terror and underground activity does not change the facts of history.

THE STATE of Israel, like the Zionist movement, was the answer to a historical need. It was preceded by ethical decisions and was the fruit of long-term diplomacy and public education. All this was done with the intention of living in peace and good neighbourliness with the other inhabitants of the area.

The November 29 decision was an exceptional one, both in international

law and in the United Nations. The U.S. and the Soviet Union, the East and the West worked together with many other nations in order to establish a state — not for the resident native population, but for a people returning to their ancient land; for those who were immigrating to it.

This decision was an extension of the Balfour Declaration and of the decision by the community of nations, both of which were diplomatic achievements of note that paved the way to the historic decision granting the Jewish people the right to sovereignty and freedom in their own country.

True, all this might well have come to naught had it not been for the Holocaust. The suffering of the remnant of European Jewry and the concern of the Jewish settlement in Palestine certainly had an effect on the conscience of the world. These facts, too, were expressed by David Ben-Gurion when he read the Declaration of Independence on that historic Friday in Tel Aviv.

I DO NOT think we owe the United Nations anything for recognizing our right to sovereignty. We ourselves recognized this right with the foundation of the Zionist Movement.

But we must recognize that all these steps — the Balfour Declaration, the decision of the community of nations and the decision of the United Nations — served as very

powerful levers and it is doubtful whether we would have succeeded without this assistance.

In any case, there is no doubt that these decisions served us well, as historical and ethical points of pressure. Not by the will of others and not by the force of terrorism and violence did we establish the state, but by long-term, serious and courageous diplomacy were we able to succeed.

Our ethical plea to the European nations for our rights, for equality and for sovereignty was one of our strongest points.

In opposition to all this are the phenomena of inequality and of racism which have raised their heads in our society, and which are poisoning and endangering our very existence.

When Gush Emunim's Rabbi Shlomo Aviner writes in *Morasha* on the subject of "Messianic Realism," he says: "We shall not be holy. But we will not accept the norms that are generally accepted by the public at large. These norms do not involve us since Israel is a chosen people and should be above these norms."

In what way, then, are we superior to the ideas of Meir Kahane or to international anti-Semitism?

When Rabbi Israel Hass, of Bar-Ilan University, writes on the "Commandment of Genocide in the Bible" which obliges the destruction of Amalek (of which the Arabs are said to be the continuation) for the sake

of purifying the Jewish people and conquering the enemy, how then can we stand before the racist ideologies of other countries? What is the difference between this and the Palestine Covenant, which is also based on genocide?

THE SUPPORT among the Knesset Members for Jewish terrorism against Palestinians, the glorification of terrorist organizations of the past — as if they actually brought about the establishment of the state — and of present terror organizations — as if their activities will bring about the liberation of the entire land of Israel and will solve the Palestinian problem — the blindness to the existence of terrorist groups, and the transfer of national funds for the building of a temple in a place where there is, today, a mosque, is all a distortion of the Zionist ideal and destroys the very basis on which the state came into being and was recognized by the nations of the world.

ON NOVEMBER 30, 1947, 24 hours after the United Nations rendered its historic decision, Dr. Chaim Weizmann wrote: "...The state is only a container, and one must fill it with its content, and the thing to be decided is what that content will be. The main ingredient of that content, the one that will, in my opinion, decide the life-span of Zionism, is the ingredient called justice."

"And not just in words... it is not possible that there should be one constitution for Jews and another for the Arabs. We must hold to a principle that was expressed in the Bible: There shall be one rule and one law for yourselves and the stranger that dwells among you."

"I am certain that the world will judge the Jewish state by the way it treats the Arabs. It is here that the judgment will be made and it will, to a great extent, depend on how we act in this state where we have been

given the wonderful opportunity after 2,000 years of migration and suffering.

Our security will, to a large degree be dependent not on armies (which we can build) but on the internal stability of our society, which will in turn affect the stability of the state from external forces."

IT IS IMPORTANT at this time to read the whole Declaration of Independence once again and the words of the founders of Zionism. We have something to learn from them. In the high-schools it is a compulsory study to learn this collective: "I Believe."

In the last few years pupils have been taught things that were written by Amnon Haver of Shomron, a member of Gush Emunim, who says: "There is no Palestinian nation and there never has been." He also says that the mosques on the Temple Mount are not holy (and therefore it's all right to destroy them) and that government should not be by the nation over the country but by the holy country over the nation, plus many more ideas of this nature which the political scientists class as fascist.

It appears that over the past few years, the Israeli educational establishment has allowed the minds and hearts of our youth to be thoroughly polluted in such a way that the racist ideas of Kahanism now find fertile ground to grow in.

With the change in government, it is to be hoped that these matters will return to their proper proportions and that the education minister will see to it that every pupil will have read the Declaration of Independence in its entirety and will know the importance of November 29, 1947, recognizing both the ethical and democratic base on which the state was founded.

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Ruling jointly with Jordan

By YORAM DINSTEIN

IT HAS BEEN said that in history, the "irresistible" is very frequently only that which has not been resisted. By the same token, in international relations an "insoluble problem" more often than not is merely that problem which has not been solved.

There is a tendency to view the Arab-Israeli conflict as an insoluble problem. But while this is indisputably a problem of infinite complexity, the failure to solve it so far does not prove that it is insoluble. All the failure does prove is that the parties to the conflict have so far not been willing to compromise. Or, to put it in somewhat different language, they have not been ready to make the indispensable reciprocal sacrifices that a compromise requires.

The core of the Arab-Israeli conflict is the disposition of the West Bank of the Jordan River (or Judea and Samaria, as Israelis call the region). Most Arabs regard the territory as the nucleus of a future independent Palestine state. By contrast, successive Israeli governments have been committed to the principle of not relinquishing an area which forms a semi-enclave inside Israel and is situated within artillery range of all its major population centres.

The overwhelming majority of Israelis are absolutely opposed to the slightest suggestion that the West Bank be allowed to evolve into an independent state. They look upon such a contingency not as a solution to the problem of the Arab-Israeli conflict, but as an aggravation of it.

The popular Israeli perception of a Palestinian state is that of a Soviet-backed, economically unviable, irredentist and irresponsible base for terrorists. Whether this perception is true or false is hardly significant. It must be recognized that perceptions, even more than facts, constitute the bedrock of policy-making.

All the same, about half the population of Israel — especially the Labour Party, whose leader now heads the national unity government — seems not to be averse to the possibility of reaching a territorial compromise over the West Bank with the Kingdom of Jordan.

Since Israel seized the West Bank from Jordan in June 1967, logic and law require that the fate of the region be determined in conjunction with Jordan.

OSTENSIBLY, from an Israeli standpoint, a territorial compromise with Jordan is as troublesome as an attempt to create a Palestinian state in the West Bank. After all, if a territorial compromise implies partition, Jordan will surely insist on regaining the bulk of the West Bank, while Israel will certainly refuse to budge from a very large portion of it.

Unfortunately, when added together, the two parts of the share-out are likely to amount to appreciably more than 100 per cent of the total.

No matter what intellectual manipulations are engaged in, this par-

ticular piece of real estate — with its rich history and tremendous emotional value — does not easily lend itself to physical division.

A territorial compromise, however, is not necessarily confined to the concept of partition. Consideration must be given to alternative ideas which could serve the fundamental interests of Arabs and Jews no less, and perhaps even more, than dividing the West Bank into distinct parts.

One such idea is to have (at least for a lengthy interim period of, say, 20 years) joint administration of the West Bank by Israel and Jordan. This could be exercised through a joint control council, not unlike the Allied Control Council that exercised authority over occupied Germany in the immediate post-war years.

The projected council would make legislation for the area and run its political as well as economic affairs. And it would have at its disposal joint Israeli and Jordanian army units for the purpose of maintaining security.

The notion of joint Israeli and Jordanian army units may sound far-fetched, not to say bizarre. But, as a matter of fact, even now there is in practice some tacit cooperation between the armed forces of the two countries in fighting Palestinian terrorists. Why could they not collaborate more closely on the basis of an explicit treaty designed to put an end to the conflict between them?

THE RETENTION of central authority in the West Bank in the hands of an Israeli-Jordanian control council does not exclude the possibility of granting the local population some autonomy in internal matters, as envisaged by the Camp David Accords.

But the quiddance of the proposal of a joint Israeli-Jordanian control over the area is that the actual implementation of such an autonomous arrangement would be supervised by both countries. The Arab inhabitants would remain citizens of Jordan (as they are today) and would participate in political elections in that country; the Jewish inhabitants would hold on to their Israeli nationality and would take part in Israeli elections.

These are only the broad outlines of a seminal idea which evidently has to be worked out in detail through negotiation between Israel and Jordan. As an idea it may have quite a few flaws, but at least it is worth pursuing with an open mind. The tragedy of the Middle East so far has been an excess of closed minds.

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Updating Halacha

By DAVID KRIVINE

the rules are different. We have first to offer peace to the other side. If they accept, they become tributaries and are given inferior status.

If they refuse peace, then (says Maimonides) war is made against them, and all adult males must be put to the sword. Should the enemy be one of the seven nations (that occupied Canaan in biblical times), "none of them is spared."

Authority for that is found in the Old Testament, which describes the conquest by the Jewish tribes of their national home in Palestine. Warfare was total in those primitive times.

Since then the nations of the world have developed laws of war which try to limit the damage. A distinction is made between soldiers and civilians; killing is allowed in battle but not when hostilities cease, and so on.

The Talmud does not develop these concepts, because the subject did not arise. The Jews were at the time a subject nation and then a people exiled and dispersed. They had forfeited their national existence, and had ceased to be a sovereign state. The problems of how to make war no longer came up.

The sages confined themselves (after thorough discussion) to repeating what had been written in the Old Testament. "All adult males are put to death," says the Rambam sententiously. The dear old man would not have known how to put to death a canary.

But suppose that in the Rambam's lifetime, Israel had been resuscitated as a state and had been at war with its neighbours for a generation. The problem of conduct on the field of battle would have arisen in all its starkness. Would Maimonides have followed what was written in the Holy Script?

He would perhaps not have

changed it but he would certainly have explained it away. The Talmud and the *Responsa* are full of such adaptations. The Jewish people are enjoined in the Pentateuch to make animal sacrifices in the Temple. By the 13th century it had become obvious that this was a barbarous cult, and Maimonides implied just that. He stated that God was not enamoured of burnt-offerings, but they were prevalent at the time, and the Almighty made rules to control the practice.

Maimonides did not need to say more than that, because in his day the Temple did not exist. Jerusalem was under foreign rule and the decision whether or not to slay two young bullocks, one ram and seven lambs of the first year as an offering unto the Lord never cropped up.

However, when the Jewish people faced a life-and-death situation, its spiritual leaders were perfectly able to find a way out of the theological deadlock. In Hasmonean times the Hebrews would not do battle on the Sabbath, and the Seleucids (also later the Romans) exploited that paralysis to their advantage. Under terrible pressure the sages invented *pikuah nefesh*, which can be translated as "human emergency." If the life of a person is at stake, they declared, the Sabbath law can be set aside.

THIS IS WHERE Reform Judaism comes in. The Orthodox believe that God spelled out the whole of the Pentateuch to Moses word by word. They say (I quote Rabbi David Bleich of Yeshiva University), "Man is bound by the Torah because it is God's command, not because his mind so dictates... We cannot select and choose what appeals to us and reject what does not."

Reform Rabbi Eugene Borowitz holds a different view. He believes that God did not write the Bible himself; he inspired people to write it. Therefore it is a human book. It contains some elements that do not make much sense, like (to take an extreme example) spelling mistakes, and a few letters of the alphabet that must always be written hanging or upside down. These are human errors. Borowitz concludes that what is written is not "God's laws but people's ideas of how to serve God."

Bleich does not agree. "Even what may appear to be spelling mistakes and letters that seem to be written upside down," he observes, "are present in all existing copies of the Torah Scroll. They aren't mistakes at all, but textual vagaries designed for a specific purpose." What purpose Bleich does not say, because he doesn't know — and doesn't need to know. God's will cannot be queried.

Fundamentalists like Bleich can only conclude that God must have wanted all adult males in the camp of Israel's enemies to be slain. Says Prof. Michael Klein, dean of the Hebrew Union College's Jerusalem campus: "I cannot accept that as a Divine commandment."

Klein phrases the attitude of Reform Judaism bluntly: "The Bible has to be re-evaluated. If a passage doesn't comply with universal moral values, its Divine origins must be questioned."

The teachers who in ancient times introduced *pikuah nefesh* to save Jews from being slaughtered defencelessly by the Romans on the Sabbath were surely branded by their contemporaries as Reform rabbis. But they realized that change was necessary, and they found a way of making it.

CHANGE IS necessary once again. Additions must be made to Halacha in the light of new developments. The Jewish people need a revision of the laws of war; and it is not difficult to know in what direction. God made it perfectly clear what he had in mind. When Elisha delivered the Syrian attackers into the hands of the Israelites, "The king of Israel said

unto Elisha when he saw them, 'My father, shall I smite them? Shall I smite them?'

"And he answered, 'Thou shalt not smite them. Wouldst thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.'

"And he prepared great provision for them; and when they had eaten and drunk he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel."

They came no more into the land of Israel. Force alone does not bring peace; force must be combined with mercy. Wars have to be fought, but gratuitous killing is sinful. The hand of friendship should be extended to the enemy, his interests have to be considered as well as our own.

That is the way of civilization. It is also the way of God. Hatred and revenge are barbaric. Nor do they solve any problems; they only serve to perpetuate conflict.

The rabbis should be telling us all this. There is a gap in our moral code, which has to be filled.

Will somebody with spiritual authority take the plunge? Will one or other of the trends that make up the House of Israel — Orthodox, Conservative, Reform — accept the challenge?

The writer is a member of the editorial staff of The Jerusalem Post.

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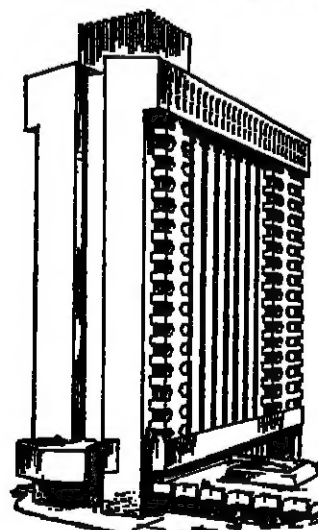
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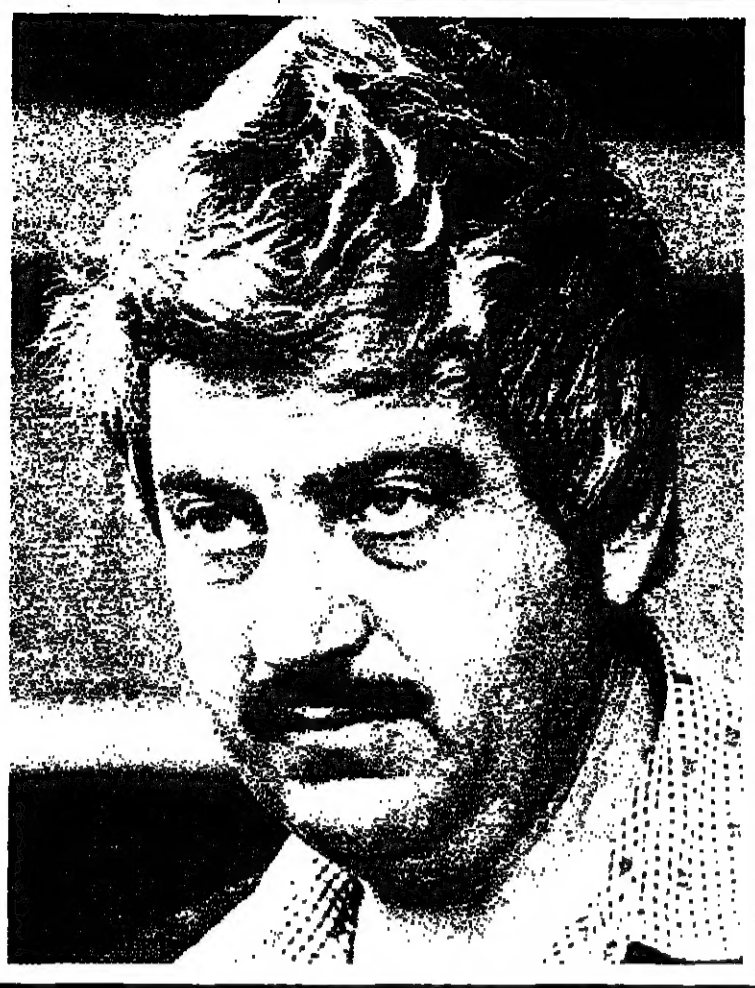
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Post Political Correspondent Mark Segal talks to Uzi Baram (below)

Stoking up the power house



rank of national power-brokers after years of building up his Jerusalem power base. He comes from solid Labour stock. His father, Moshe Baram, a minister and coalition executive chairman during the Golda Meir years, was for a long time party king-pin in Jerusalem.

Uzi Baram's style and outlook were influenced by years as a government emissary in the U.S. Before plunging into politics, he worked as a vocational counsellor. Like his father, he took a Sephardi wife. None of their three children, he tells me by the way, has expressed an interest in politics as a career. His younger brother Haim has been actively involved, to the left of the rest of the family, first in Sheli and today with the Progressive List.

IT IS NO SECRET that Prime Minister Shimon Peres and other Labour cabinet ministers were not entirely happy with the election of Jerusalem branch chief Uzi Baram as party secretary-general. After talking with him, it seems that their concern over the appointment of such a strong, independent-minded man is justified.

Baram perceives the secretary-general's office as being a power house, providing the essential party link in the chain connecting party office-holders in the government and the Histadrut.

He makes no bones about his intention of being an activist secretary-general and of reminding these office-holders that they are essentially Labour Party representatives.

"I have stepped into an organizational vacuum," he says. "Our party chairman is deeply involved in the premiership. I've started my new duties at a time of structural conflict between our men in the cabinet and in the Histadrut leadership. We need a common meeting ground, a joint party forum where these burning issues can be thrashed out properly. The party must have the decisive say. All of them serve in the party's name and they will have to abide by its decisions."

Baram speaks as a loyal Peres supporter ("although he certainly never put himself out for me in my election campaign"), stressing that from the moment Peres became prime minister it was in Labour's supreme interest that he succeed in becoming accepted as the nation's leader.

Concurring that incumbency has a magical effect on a politician's standing, Baram believes that recent polls indicating that Peres is soaring in the popularity chart, are only a beginning. Henceforth the party can only benefit from Peres' build-up.

"This is why he so strongly rejected talk of replacing the top party trio. The present party leadership is not sacred," he says. "When they required criticizing, I criticized. However, the thing we need most right now is maximum unity behind them. We have to ensure that they can devote themselves entirely to tackling the country's problems without being bothered by internal opposition."

Uzi Baram at 47 has joined the top

THE FIRST OFFICIAL duty of the new secretary-general was to represent Labour at the re-election of President Nicolae Ceausescu, affording him a first glimpse of an orthodox Communist state. He was also able to meet Rumanian Chief Rabbi Moshe Rosen and members of the Jewish community in Bucharest, whose fate he followed closely during his years as chairman of the Knesset aliya committee.

He enjoyed a cordial welcome from Ceausescu, who received him at the palace and invited him for a longer visit to Rumania next year.

Baram presented his host with Peres' message, which stressed the desire of the new Israeli government for peace and a speedy solution to the Lebanon problem. Peres also

conveyed his gratitude for the Rumanian president's friendly attitude towards the local Jewish community.

Baram says he sensed a feeling of mutual esteem between the two leaders, adding that Ceausescu would very much like to exchange views with the Israeli prime minister on "ways of finding a speedy and just solution to the Lebanon issue."

On the congress platform with Baram was a sizeable contingent of Arab delegates, including two PLO factions. He befriended Dr. Helmy El-Hadidi, deputy secretary-general of the ruling Egyptian National Democratic Party. Baram urged that the impasse at government level should not prevent dialogue. El-Hadidi promised him a speedy reply

to his proposal for exchanging delegations.

When I mentioned the storm in the coalition teapot over Peres' remark about Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, Baram, who was present at Peres' encounter with writers and intellectuals in Tel Aviv, said: "To my taste, he was too restrained and polite about Sharon. Someone present had queried the government's financing of Sharon's trial and Peres responded that he did not wish to cause tension in the coalition."

"Likud ministers say much harsher things privately about Sharon than about any Labour minister," he noted.

Baram would have preferred a government minus Sharon, but that

same word used by my grandfather Abraham when called by God). And he said, look up and see all the he-goats mating with the flock are streaked, speckled or spotted (alas, this is now your only dream), for I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you (look, what Laban made of you!). I am the God of Bethel (remember, Jacob, the dreams you had there, at Bethel?). Now, leave this land at once and go back to your native land!"

Jacob finds himself again when he realizes what happened to his dream, how it changed from a dream of a ladder stretching from earth to heaven, with angels going up and down on it, to a dream of cattle, all kind of cattle, streaked, speckled and spotted. He catches himself in time to realize that dreams filled with sheep, which were, as we know, the hard currency of those days, cannot take the place of the dreams of his youthful idealism where man communicates with God. It is then, when the materialistic dreams are about to take him over, that Jacob realizes what Laban and Labanish had done to him, and that he must act now or he will have another chance. It is then that he decides to go home, back to the land of the fathers and mothers, where he may yet recapture the old dream. Where Jacob may yet become Israel.

had not been on the cards. Neither of the two big parties had had any alternative to forming the broad coalition "and we will all have to learn how to walk on a tightrope." He doubts whether the government would fall over such a triviality, remarking: "I don't see any politician who would wish to be held responsible for the fall of the national unity government."

HOW DID HE REACT to Health Minister Mordechai Gur's charge that the party has "lowered too many ideological flags in the coalition negotiations"? "I could give you a half-hour lecture on why it's bad that we don't have economic ministries," retorts Baram, an active member of Labour's negotiating team. "But we had to weigh up defence versus finance, and industry and trade versus education. Of course Gur has a right to raise the issue, and of course it's true we did lower some flags. But without compromise there wouldn't have been a coalition."

"You can't say 'I'm for' and then add a long rider. Admittedly we could have done better in government-forming if we had emerged with 54 Knesset seats. All of us should ask why that happened. This could be interpreted as an oblique swipe at Gur's performance as election campaign chief."

As Labour secretary-general, doesn't he think the party should draw the necessary conclusions from the election results? Baram agrees that such conclusions should be drawn and a team will be formed to study the results. However, he warns against over-introversion, noting, "If we'd started tearing at one another right after the elections, the Likud would have formed the government."

He would very much like to call new party elections for a new convention, but that hinges on the timing of the Histadrut elections. The party cannot take two such tough electoral contests in the space of one year, he points out. Thus, as expected, the Histadrut elections take place late in 1985, the party poll should be held early in 1986.

He has yet to discuss the Histadrut elections' precise deadline with Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar, but is convinced that under his leadership Labour would emerge the victor. While he notes that the party should expect losses in labour council propaganda, he would prefer an enhancing of the Likud's position to an increase in Kach's strength.

THE LABOUR secretary-general registered his alarm at the deplorable spread of "Kahanism," whether among the unemployed in Sderot

("Arabs are taking our jobs") or in senior high school classes ("No one offers a solution to the Arab problems except Kahane"). Hence the priority Baram puts on a new departure in education stressing humanitarian values.

Under the compulsory education law, he reminds me, changes must be introduced into a school curriculum if a majority of parents at a school demand them. "The late Ya'acov Levinson once told me that for too long we sacrificed essential long-term issues for short-term benefits," he remarks.

Baram enthusiastically agrees that his party must infuse new blood into its Knesset faction, specifying the names of three young men of promise: Prof. Shimon Shitrit of the Hebrew University, Government Secretary Yosef Beilin and Dr. Yekutiel Shar'abi, a coming man in the Tel Aviv branch.

In the meantime, why are so many party men allowed to hold on to so many positions? Baram contends that the two most controversial cases are on the verge of being resolved.

MK Rafi Eddi shifted from being Shimon HaOvdim general manager to chairman, while he was looking personally into the conflict of interest in the case of Dov Ben-Meir. It is unacceptable, Baram says, that Ben-Meir should continue to hold onto both his Knesset seat and the Tel Aviv deputy mayoralty.

He holds out little hope for any reform of the electoral system in the near future, saying that any progress hinges on whether the Likud would follow Labour's lead. He trusts that some initiative will be forthcoming on raising the percentage for Knesset admittance; he will support a threshold of two per cent. "However, I'd urge all those concerned not to hope that by raising the threshold they'll curb Kahane. That aim will be achieved by enacting the law against racial incitement."

He also wants to reform his party's internal election system and adopt a model that would also reflect its constituencies, like the kibbutzim and the moshavim.

What about the unrest caused by so many seats on the next list having been promised to party allies? Party members, replies Baram, must appreciate that the deal with Ezer Weizman's Yahad was made to block the Likud from forming a government. "However, I admit to seeing real problems with Yahad in the future and I plan to look into this relationship."

He confesses to the need to review the link with the Independent Liberals. Ideally Labour would net more seats at the next elections, he says, with the result that there will be more to share.

Between two dreams

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a the hard rock on which his rested.

He missed home and wondered what would happen now with his studies. What about his uncle Laban, whose reputation as a shrewd operator was not unknown even in the land of Canaan? How would he receive him? And yet, Jacob has this marvellous dream in which heaven and earth are joined together; he sees angels going up and down. He receives a message of Godliness, a promise of a great future. Upon awakening he proclaims: "This is an abode of God, a gateway to heaven!"

Notwithstanding the gloomy circumstances in which he finds himself at that hour, Jacob is sure that God is with him and that he will be returning home. He is a man with a dream. A heavenly, angelic dream.

of hard negotiations with his senior partner, and had arrived at a seemingly satisfactory arrangement, and, suddenly, a dream. He tells it to his wives at a clandestine meeting in the fields: "Once at the mating time of the flocks, I had a dream in which I looked up and saw that the he-goats mating with the flocks were streaked, speckled or spotted. The angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob,' I answered, 'Here I am.' And he said, look up and see all the he-goats mating with the flock are streaked, speckled or spotted, for I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you. I am the God of Bethel... Now leave this land at once and go back to your native land."

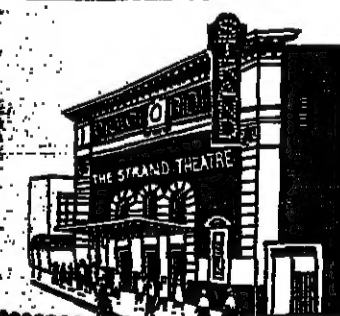
The dream as told by Jacob to his wives does not seem to make sense in warranting the conclusions arrived at by the angel of God. Now that Jacob is "making it" and even biology works for him, thanks to the ingenious invention he devised, and all the sheep "go his way," is now of all times, the time to "leave this land at once"? Why?

A CLOSER READING will reveal to us that this last dream of Jacob did not come as suddenly as it may seem at first glance and that it is connected with Jacob's earlier dream at Bethel. There are two factors that make Jacob realize that it is high time for him to leave this land at once and return home. One is in the bad "vibes" which reach him from the sons of Laban complaining that he

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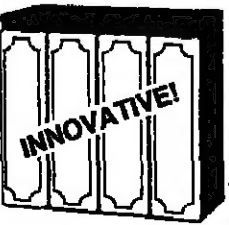
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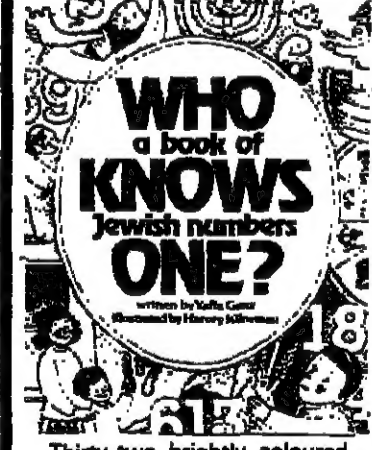
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BUDGET

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The Defence Ministry cut another \$150m., in addition to the \$300m. cut decided on in October.

Peres, Rabin, Shamir and the committee of four are scheduled to meet this morning one hour before the cabinet meeting, in a last-ditch effort to come to agreement on additional cuts both in the military and civilian budgets.

Meeting yesterday with Moda'i, Ya'acobi, Arens and Weizman, Housing Minister David Levy loudly protested against the proposed cuts in his budget. Levy said the Housing Ministry had absorbed more than its fair share of previous budget slashes.

and that further reductions would harm Project Renewal, settlement and the building industry.

Mattityahu Droblis, head of the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department, told the committee of four that cuts in the settlement budget will not only stop the establishment of new settlements, but will also harm existing ones.

Communication Minister Amnon Rubenstein echoed Levy's argument, saying his ministry too had already absorbed more than its fair share but said that it will implement some of the proposed cuts, even if this means a drop in the quality of services to the public.

ARAFAT

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Hawatmeh, and is also the declared policy of Syria and the Soviet Union.

But despite the emphasis on reconciliation, Arafat made some significant gains which could have an important bearing on his future policies.

These include the retention of Kaddoumi as head of the PLO's political department, and the inclusion on the new executive committee of ousted West Bank mayors Mohammed Milhem of Halhoul and Fahd Kawasneh of Hebron - all three proponents of close Palestinian-Jordanian cooperation. Arafat has plainly indicated this remains the cornerstone of PLO policy.

The council also gave Arafat a free hand to pursue his controversial ties with Egypt, endorsing his contentious visit to Cairo last year as "a first step in beneficial contacts to return Egypt to the Arab fold."

A further indication of the conciliatory mood was the decision taken last night merely to "freeze" the membership of Ahmed Jibril, leader of the radical Libyan-backed Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command, rather than expel him as demanded in a petition signed by 120 delegates. Jibril, one of Arafat's bitterest foes, played a leading role in the rebellion that ousted him from Lebanon last year.

TABA DISPUTE

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Schlesinger, and recently retired top State Department aide Lawrence Eagleburger (who all attended a Haifa University symposium on Israel-U.S. relations), Shamir said a peace effort now would bear no fruit. "What we need is a period of stability...there is no need for dramatic events." (photo - page 2)

Peres believes there is a pressing need for them. Yesterday he once again voiced his hopes for an early summit with the Egyptian President. And he is believed to have already put out discreet feelers in various directions in search of foreign policy successes.

The view in the Shamir camp is that the unity government was set up to handle the economic crisis and the Lebanon withdrawal - other issues should be put on "hold." Otherwise, the Shamir camp warns, the government could quickly come unstuck.

This divergence, moreover, is coming to mean that the Foreign Ministry, as Shamir's ministry, is often kept at arm's length from the policy-thinking that goes on around the prime minister. Taba is a salient case in point: A high-level discussion on the subject convened by the premier some weeks ago included key figures from various departments and from the army, but the Foreign

Ministry was not represented.

A more current instance is the absence of a senior Foreign Ministry official from the party accompanying the premier to Paris next week. In the circles close to Peres, Shamir is blamed for this lacuna.

At the same time - and somewhat ambivalently - there is a good deal of respect for Shamir on the part of the premier and his advisers, especially for his discretion and for the close working relationship which is said to be evolving between him and Peres despite their underlying divergence in approach to peace-making.

Compounding this delicate, and potentially troublesome situation is a feeling in some Labour-affiliated circles that the American Ambassador, Samuel Lewis, is "on Shamir's side" inasmuch as he, too, does not believe in a diplomatic push for progress at this time.

Lewis restated this view on Wednesday, at the symposium at Haifa University - only hours before word came from Washington of President Ronald Reagan's upbeat assessment, in a press interview, of the chances of reviving the Middle East peace process.

Well-informed Israeli sources say that Lewis will definitely be leaving Israel soon.

Former head of Flick concern visits Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Eberhard von Brauchitsch, the former head of the controversial German Flick concern, is visiting Jerusalem for several days to spend his own and his wife's birthday in Israel.

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Brauchitsch, is a great admirer of Israel and is a member of the German group of the Jerusalem Foundation. He had been invited several times by Mayor Teddy Kollek to visit Jerusalem.

Kollek, who is presently abroad, welcomed the visitors with a warm letter, regretting that he could not host them personally.

Two men die of road accident injuries

BEERSHEBA (Itm). - Two persons died yesterday of injuries suffered in road accidents. Albert Peretz, 63, of Beersheba, was killed when a bus struck him while he was riding his motor scooter in Rehov Hameshaharim early in the morning. The driver, 29, also a Beersheba resident, was released after questioning.

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To be sure, Israel would not, even then, be obligated to recognize any Palestinian claim of right to an independent state in the territories occupied in the Six Day War. And Washington would not, it may be assumed, expect Jerusalem to take a political decision on the territories that might split the national unity government wide open before the present dire economic crisis was resolved.

But Israel would cease to have a reasonable justification to treat the PLO as beyond the pale.

For the present, however, there is no indication that the Palestinian leopard is about to change its spots. This was due to happen, according to some early predictions, at the meeting of the PLO's "parliament," the Palestine National Council, which wound up a week-long session in Amman yesterday. But it did not.

Some voices were, it is true, heard at the meeting which decried the PLO's traditional policy of negativism. But the line upheld by the "mainstream" leadership was such that would also appeal to the more radical factions which abhor any turn to diplomacy.

Thus Yasser Arafat himself reiterated the PLO's commitment to "armed struggle," meaning terrorism, and his "foreign minister," Farouk Kaddoumi, rejected the idea, put forward by King Hussein, for a joint Jordanian-PLO initiative based on 242. Plainly, maintaining maximum feasible internal unity in the face of the Syrian challenge is more important to the leadership than reassessing policy.

It could, of course, be argued that there was some significance to the fact that the PNC met in Amman and not in Damascus: President Reagan did so argue in an interview with the *Washington Times* on Wednesday. But the reason for the PLO's choice of venue was dictated by its refusal to become a tool of Syrian policy. There was nothing in that decision that required any shift in the present Israeli stand.

A redundant bureaucracy

THERE IS important news behind the coalition slip-up which lost Minister without Portfolio Ezer Weizman the vote on Wednesday on a motion for the agenda concerning his plans for administering the affairs of Israel's Arab population. For this is the first time in years that anyone at the top of Israeli politics has cast a fresh eye over the relations between Israel's Jewish majority and its Arab minority.

In Israel's first 13 years, the Arab population was largely ruled by a military government responsible directly to the prime minister and minister of defence. During most of this period both posts were held concurrently by David Ben-Gurion. For the next 18 years, following the abolition of the military government, the fate of Israel's Arabs has been determined largely by an administrative office called the Adviser on Arab Affairs in the Prime Minister's office.

There is no doubt that under both regimes Israel's Arabs, now over 600,000 strong, made remarkable progress that could be the envy of the Arab communities throughout the Middle East. This is true in regard to basic life chances, economic prosperity, mass education and other aspects of modernization in which Israel has served as a crucial intermediary.

Much remains to be done, but the most grating aspect of life to Israel's Arabs is the yawning gap between these aspects of progress and the traditional paternalism and potential for political exploitation which are so characteristic of their dependence on the Adviser and his officers in the field.

That Mr. Weizman has submitted a proposal to Prime Minister Peres calling for abolition of the post is welcome news. Details of this proposal are not yet known, but it may be hoped that the Arab Affairs Adviser will not merely be replaced by another bureaucracy.

What is required is a minister who would give this area his full attention — providing ministerial power. But the Arab community's dealings with the various government agencies do not require an intermediate bureaucracy.

Since Mr. Weizman is a minister without portfolio, this is an area of responsibility he could well assume.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS. AMERICAN women are narrowing the gap between what they and men earn and will be paid at least 74 per cent of men's wages by the year 2,000, according to a report by the Rand Corporation of Los Angeles. Women's pay between 1980 and 1983 rose from 60 to 64 per cent of men's wages, the biggest gain of the century, the research organization says in a recent study.

The increase, it says, was due to women's improving market skills rather than to legislation, action programmes or political pressures.

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BEYOND UNITY

By ERWIN FRENKEL

KITCHENS, or what seem to be kitchens, tend to have potent political symbolism. There was Mr. Nixon's famed kitchen debate with Mr. Khrushchev. Golda Meir's well-known kitchen cabinet, and this week in Jerusalem. Mr. Peres's kitchen summit with Mr. Shamir, made all the more resonant by the attendance of their wives.

Amidst sniping from within both major parties, this cosy display of comity by the two party leaders was a pointed reminder of political fundamentals. The reasons that led to the unity government have lost none of their force despite the cruel choices of office. Neither party alone can save the economy. And unless it is saved, there will be little point in parties.

Mr. Shamir understood this before the June elections. The election returns persuaded Mr. Peres. Their close ministerial lieutenants understand it as well. They dismiss as noise pollution the headlines captured by those second-rung politicians who would rather gripe.

THE KITCHEN summit was designed to disarm the grippers, and demonstrate to the public that there is harmony where it counts.

But such symbolism, for all its virtues, has limits. There must also

be substance where it counts.

Mr. Shamir continues to confine himself largely to his foreign ministry. He has not joined Mr. Peres in visible responsibility for repairing the economy. And Mr. Peres has not found a way to bring him in. As a result Herut ministers, like David Levy and Moshe Katsav, emerge as defenders of the people against a Labour-led government conspiring to foment recession.

IN THIS GAME of mirrors, the Likud's Mr. Modai becomes a Labour adjunct and the Histadrut's Mr. Kessar is driven to distraction. All the while these Herut ministers perceive that there is no alternative to further cuts in real wages, above and beyond whatever reductions in government spending the Cabinet may manage to arrange.

Not all of this posturing is opportunism. For the dilemmas are real. But some of this in-fighting derives from the very nature and structure of our cabinet government, where each minister serves his constituency rather than the government itself.

In time of crisis such diffuse management is not adequate. Then coherence and discipline are required.

Mr. Peres's Cabinet colleagues re-

"SHARON," former U.S. secretary of state Alexander Haig writes in his book of memoirs. *Caveat*, "is a brawny man who uses his bulk, his extremely loud voice, and a flagrantly aggressive manner, which I suspect he has cultivated for effect, to overwhelm opposition." Bulk, loud voice, aggressive manner and all, Sharon has again crossed the water on the most ambitious raid of his career.

Why does he do it? If we can believe Sharon himself — a risky proposition — it is to clear his name and protect the good name of Israel abroad. There may be truth in this, but it is truth in Sharon's rather special image of reality.

Is this trip necessary? In a strict sense, no. There appears to have been no legal obstacle to Sharon's bringing his suit in Israel. *Time* is distributed locally and the correspondent who authored the allegedly libellous report is a local resident. It would have been possible to bring the *Time* corporation before an Israeli tribunal.

Sharon appears to be on solid ground in his basic factual complaint. There is no reason, certainly not sympathy for Sharon, to doubt Yossi Sarid when he declares that he has read the secret annex to the Kahan Commission's report and that it is not what the *Time* report said it was. He would appear to be on shaky ground with regard to his claim for damages, however.

The trial judge, as reported in the press, has already stated his position that Sharon would have to prove not only that the statements made by *Time* are false, but that the news weekly made them maliciously. This would be in line with the Supreme Court decision in the leading case of *New York Times v. Sullivan* and its

judicial progeny. Under prevailing American doctrine, defamatory press statements about a public figure within the range of public interest are not a basis for a libel action, unless made with actual malice. Negligence on the part of the erring newspaper would not be enough.

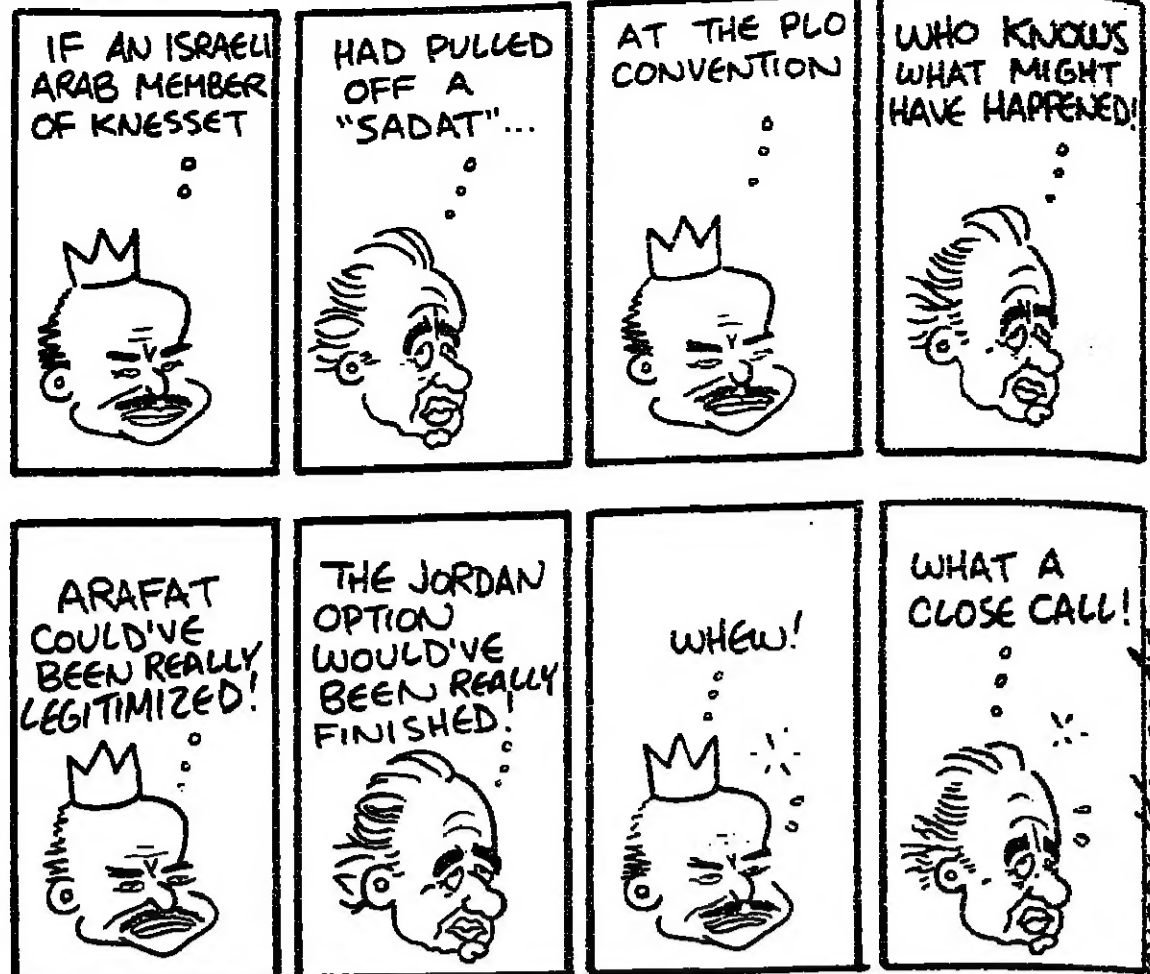
While recent cases have somewhat narrowed the "public interest" category, it would seem to require a major shift of judicial opinion to remove the events involved in the Sharon trial from its scope. It does not seem reasonable to suppose that Sharon is gambling on this happening, the stakes being what they are.

PROVING malice is at best problematical. The question would be for the jury to decide in the first instance, of course, and juries are proverbially unpredictable. Unless based on substantial evidence, however, the verdict would almost certainly be reversed on appeal.

If Sharon's aim is monetary compensation, therefore, he would seem to be engaged in a very expensive crap game. A settlement somewhere along the judicial route, however, is always a possibility. A lengthy litigation is a burden for *Time*, as well as for Sharon and his supporters. But it seems more reasonable to suppose that Sharon has other aims in mind.

Sharon's basic complaint, after Sabra and Shatilla, was that he was being turned over to the *goyim*, a

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thrown himself into the economic morass. Other premiers left economic troubles, never a path to popularity, to others.

But Mr. Peres has seized the economic helm without a staff of his own, without an economic brains trust of his own to provide coherent economic direction. Thus whatever policy directions emerge, remain the fruit of agonizing negotiation, compromise and dilution inherent in the

routine usages of our cabinet structure. And in that structure the routine differences of party, personality, and personal ambition have their nesting place.

WHAT IS required to forge a genuine economic reform policy is a small inner economic cabinet, embracing Mr. Peres, Mr. Shamir and a few other ministers of both Labour and the Likud whose prin-

cipal brief would be reform and not protection of their fiefdoms. Such an inner forum would have to be supported by a professional economic staff, the best the country can muster, to provide intellectual and administrative coherence to the political muscle it serves.

In times of national emergency, business as usual is bad business, especially in the business of government.

SHARON'S GAMBLE

By ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

return to the *saison* of pre-independence underground warfare, when the Hagana, during a brief period, apprehended Jewish dissidents and surrendered them to the British. Is it not out of character that he turns to a foreign judicial system and to exposure to the foreign press?

Not entirely. It was, it will be recalled, to foreign journalists that Sharon turned to fire the opening shots in the war of the generals that broke out when the fighting ended in the Yom Kippur War. It was a series of interviews to the overseas press, held at his field headquarters, that marked the launching of his political career. Could it be that his latest venture marks another milestone in that same drive to power?

If so, it suggests that Sharon sees the obstacle to his upward climb in America, not in Israel. This may be the lesson that he learned from his ill-starred attempt to enter the World Zionist Executive. Yitzhak Shamir, as prime minister, had proposed the alyia portfolio as a way of fulfilling a commitment to Sharon, made in the skirmishing for succession after Begin's resignation. The move was blocked through the determined opposition of the representatives of American Jewry.

Sharon could reasonably believe that, in Israel's weakened state, succession to political leadership depends on American acquiescence, if

not support. But could he reasonably believe that through the current trial he can succeed in changing his image abroad?

A favourable result in the trial would help, of course, particularly if it seemed to cast doubt on the conclusions of the Kahan Commission. The public, particularly abroad, might lose the distinction between the indirect responsibility for the massacres that the commission found as reason enough for demanding Sharon's resignation or dismissal and the direct responsibility for the instigation of the massacres implied in the *Time* report.

There is also an element of danger for Sharon. His reputation is an issue in the case, as it goes to the question of damages. The *Time* attorneys can be expected to make every effort to prove, not only that Sharon deserves his "mark of Cain" for Sabra and Shatilla, but that there is little room left on his forehead for another one.

BUT SHARON'S greatest effort, indeed, the significance of his bringing legal action in the United States, is to identify his cause with that of the State of Israel. In this he already appears to have met with a measure of success. It is implied in his very

stand before an American bar of justice. It is hammered home in his public appearances and in those of his attorneys, in and out of court. It seems confirmed by the maneuvers of Israeli officials, particularly Shamir's Foreign Ministry, to prevent the interrogation of potentially damaging witnesses.

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir strongly contended, in a two-part essay in *Ha'aretz* which appeared after the publication of the Kahan Commission's report, that the responsibility for Sabra and Shatilla was not that of the State of Israel, but of the individual involved. When a government minister appears abroad, particularly in a foreign court, that distinction is hard to maintain.

At one point in the pre-trial preliminaries, the trial judge commented, as though it were only common sense, that the government of Israel could put an end to the litigation in a minute. If it wanted to. Here at home, Shamir spokesmen point to the decision of the ministerial committee of the previous Likud government, authorizing Sharon to make lecture appearances to finance the suit, as governmental recognition that he is not involved in a private dispute.

Bulk, loud voice, aggressive manner and all, this is the image of Israel now being impressed on the American public. If Sharon can make the identification stick, he will have won his case. Israel, not *Time* magazine, will have lost.

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READERS' LETTERS

SHARON'S COURAGE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The charges by Knesset Member Michael Harish that Ariel Sharon's libel suit against *Time* "has been exploited by anti-Israeli elements in the U.S." is untrue.

To the contrary, Sharon's suit has put *Time* on the defensive. His action is appreciated by the majority of the Jewish community and by others who were shocked by the biased, anti-Israel media coverage of the war in Lebanon.

Of course, there is no guarantee that Sharon will win his case, since winning a libel judgement requires far more than merely proving that *Time*'s coverage was false.

But win or lose, Ariel Sharon is performing a courageous act by challenging one of the most inaccurate and consistently one-sided, anti-Israel publications in the country. In many ways, he is representing all of us who care about Israel and about truth in journalism.

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NOT A BOSTON RABBI

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I very much appreciated Geoffrey Wigoder's article, "Evangelical challenge" (October 14) which cited my booklet, "Understanding Evangelicals: A Guide for the Jewish Community."

I would like to point out, however, that I am not "a Boston rabbi active in interreligious affairs with the Anti-Defamation League" as he stated, but a Chicago rabbi heading the Holyland Fellowship of Christians and Jews, an organization aimed at improving Christian-Jewish relations and building a broad base of support for Israel in the Christian

and Jewish communities. (I have, it is true, worked with ADL in the past.)

I should also point out that the booklet was initially prepared for the office of then prime minister Begin which sought a clearer understanding of Evangelicals and the roots and implications of their support for Israel.

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